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GE.....General Electric

GMC.....General Motors Corporation
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ICFTU.....International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

ISL.....Independent Socialist League

IUE.....International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America

IUMMSW.....International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers

IWO.....International Workers Order

LID.....League of Industrial Democracy

NAACP.....National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

SDE.....Society for Designing Engineers

SWP.....Socialist Workers Party
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UAWA.....United Automobile, and Aircraft Workers Union of America
UAWU
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UERMWA.....United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union of America
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UMMSWA.....United Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union of America
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UMU

UN.....United Nations

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UPFAWA.....United Packinghouse, Food and Allied
UPWA Workers of America - CIO

USA.....United States Attorney

WP.....Workers Party

WPB.....War Production Board

YCL.....Young Communist League

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Bureau file 44-2925 captioned "Bombing UAW-CIO International Headquarters, Detroit," carried several individuals as subjects including Walter P. Reuther, subject of this correlation summary, and will be used as a main file on this subject. In various serials of this file the name Walter Reuther is indexed and these references are being listed to permit the destruction of the cards:

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44-2925-10 p.1	(7)
-18 p.1	(7)
-24 p.1,2,3	(7)
-26 p.1-4,6,8	(7)
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-390 p.1-3	(8)
-392 p.1	(191)
-393 p.1	(191)
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-401 p.1,3-6,9,11,21,23-31	(8;191)
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-489 p.1,2	(9)
-524 p.1	(192)
-526 p.1,5,7,8	(192)
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-782 p.1,3,4	(10,192)
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-809 p.1,2	(10)
-811 p.1-3,5	(10)
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-1016 p.1	(11)
-1041 p.1	(11)
-1071 p.1	(11)
-1073 p.1,4,5	(11)
-1086 p.3-6	(11)
-1091 p.1	(11)
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-A "C.I.O. News," 12/26/49	(12)

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Walter Philip Reuther
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Walter P. Reuter
Philip Reuther
W. Reuther
W.P. Reuther
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Walter Ruether
Walter P. Ruether
Walter Philip Ruether
One Ruther
"The Redhead" Ruther
Walter Ruther

Summary

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add.info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Walter Philip Reuther can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

AFL.....American Federation of Labor

AYD.....American Youth for Democracy

CRC.....Civil Rights Congress

"DW"......"Daily Worker"

FAECT.....Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians - CIO

FTA.....Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America - CIO

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The following references indicate that Walter Reuther, 13233 La Salle Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, who was a recognized CP member, [redacted] He ran for the Common Council in Detroit in the 1937 election on a CP ticket; also he had been to Russia on several occasions. 67D

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-2-37 encl.p.25	(64)
-113 encl.p.25	(65)
-2946 p.124	(65)
100-2-11-145 encl.p.37	(65)
61-7561-121 p.2,3	(23)
54-525-150 p.2,3	(12)

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67C It was noted that other suits against the Ford Motor Company filed at the same time [redacted] listed Walter Reuther as a plaintiff. It was also noted that Reuther was a well-known labor agitator and radical of years' standing in the Detroit area.

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to split the union. Shortly thereafter, Martin was also suspended and Reuther was elected to a committee to meet in Washington, DC, on 1/24/39, with CIO leaders to report on the UAW situation. In May, 1939, Reuther, member of the UAW Executive Board, was elected to the following committees: National Committee on Research and Education, National Committee on Competitive Shops, Tool and Die, Farm Implements, and National Director of General Motors Division, Detroit.

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-24X3 p.2	27
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-36X p.1	27
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-41X3 p.1	(28)
-43X4 p.1	(28, 194)
61-7568-3-8 encl.p.4	(195)
-18 p.26-33	(195)

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A Bureau memorandum set forth pertinent items which were included in the review made by WFO of the Morgenthau Diary covering a period from 1934 to 1940. This Diary contained Bureau letters and reports, including individual name check-type letters on such persons as Walter Reuther and others. All Bureau documents were to be removed from the Diary, sealed and retained in the Office of the National Archivist with access thereto only upon the permission of the Director.

Summary of WFO review enclosed
62-59417-41 p.2 encl.
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b7C This reference is a review of the book entitled "The Whole Of Our Lives" by Benjamin Gitlow [redacted] On pages 316 and 317 of this book, Gitlow wrote that Walter Reuther, hailed from one of the largest CIO locals and proposed a plan to the Government

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for the decentralization of the defense program by utilizing the numerous small plants dotting the country. In 1940, Reuther called himself a revolutionary socialist. He cooperated and collaborated, as did the CIO as a whole, with the communists on trade union and political matters. Reuther and his brother were, however, among the first CIO officials to fight against the communists in the UAW and the CIO as a whole.

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b7c [redacted] General Services Administration, who was making a review of the Morgenthau Diary, furnished documents which revealed two telephone conversations between the Director and former Secretary
b7c of Treasury Henry Morgenthau [redacted]

During the 5/21/40 conversation, the Director stated that he had learned from [redacted]
b7D [redacted] The Director further stated that Ruther was one of the Ruther brothers of the CIO, an avowed communist, who was educated at the propaganda college in Moscow; was sent to this country eight or nine years ago and was active in the Detroit area. This assignment would allow Ruther to go into any factory in the country to make his survey and look over safety devices according to the Director.

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The following references in the file captioned "General Activities, CP," set out information concerning Walter Reuther, President UAWU Local 174, CIO, and a member of the CIO International Executive Board, during the period approximately 1934 to January, 1941. Reuther was formerly a CIO organizer and long-time agitator for left wing causes. Reuther was a graduate of the communist Brookwood Labor College at Katonah, NY, a training school for agitators. [redacted] and he was called a communist leader in the UAW. Reuther spent two years in Russia in the early 1930's. [redacted]

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61-7559-1280	(229)
-1322X2 p.3	(22)
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-1977 p.2	(22)
-2916X4	(22)
-2947X3	(22)
-2967 p.1,2	(22)
-4348 p.5	(229)
-5365 encl.p.1	(239)
-8146 p.1	(229)
-8222 p.49	(22)
-8328 p.1	(229)
-9180X9 p.2	(23)
-A "New York Times", 1/17/41	(23)

An article appeared in the 1/5/41, issue of the "Sunday Worker" entitled "Progressive, Anti-War Students Hold Initiative, Parley Shows." This article stated that during the convention of the "Youth Committee Against War" (not identified) held at Madison, Wisconsin (no date), the delegates revolted and voiced their policies in all of the conference round tables, condemning Sidney Hillman and Walter Reuther for their connivance with the administration,* refused to condemn the Soviet Union as a dictatorship and supported civil liberties for all including the communists. Only the star-chamber proceedings of secret sessions of a packed credentials committee, led by the National Secretary of the Young Peoples Socialist League, which ousted over a dozen delegates from the sessions, saved the day for its social-democratic leadership.

61-7567-A "Sunday Worker,"
(27) 1/5/41

*Roosevelt Administration

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The April, 1941, issue of "Current Biography" (94-3-4-1115), a monthly publication, published by the H.W. Wilson Company, NYC, contained the biography and photograph of Walter Philip Reuther. Complete details set out.

94-3-4-1115-3 p.76,77
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This reference, a clipping, is from page 185 of the book "Men Without Faces" by Louis Francis Budenz, and is set out as follows:

William Z. Foster (61-330) once fired his last accusation at Walter Reuther. In June of 1941, when Reuther was fighting the communists who were trying to prolong the strike at the North American Aviation Company plant in California, Foster asserted that Reuther had tried for membership in the CP, and was rejected on the grounds of his obvious opportunism. Budenz stated that he knew that Reuther made no such attempt, because he, Budenz, had been sent to Detroit by the Politburo to persuade Reuther to join the Red "top faction" in the UAW and Reuther had refused to do so. Budenz stated that Foster was provoking the recollection that Reuther had gone as a very young man to Soviet Russia, had worked in its auto factories, and originally had not been hostile to the Soviet regime.

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(13)

According to a Detroit teletype dated 6/10/41, Walter Reuther, was reportedly siding with Frankensteen and Phillip Murray and was holding caucuses in the Detroit area for the purpose of purging the communists from the UAW-CIO.

98-3129-53X3
(64)

Correlator's Note: The above information concerned the strike at the North American Aviation Company, Inglewood, California (98-3129). According to serial 53X2 in this file, Richard E. Frankensteen, international representative, UAW-CIO, in communication with CIO leader Phillip Murray and others indicated that the above strike was caused by the CP.

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The 9/15/41, issue of "People's World" contained an article entitled "Labor Leader of the week - Organizer Jack Marcotti, age 24, casts the die." This article stated that Jack Marcotti [redacted] b7c might be drafted into the Army but that he hoped to secure the support of Walter Ruether as he, Marcotti, was considered a Union Leader whose services would be necessary for Aircraft production.

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The Victory Conference of the Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation (100-21601) was held in the Park Hotel, Madison Wisconsin on April 18-19, 1942. During this meeting, telegrams of congratulations were read from Walter P. Reuther and Phillip Murray of the CIO. (Bureau Agents attended conference)

100-21601-74 p.3
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According to a Bureau memorandum dated 6/16/42, the Management Labor Policy Committee of the War Manpower Commission (62-68351) which was appointed by chairman Paul V. McNutt, consisted of seven labor representatives, including three members of the CIO, one of whom was Walter P. Reuther, UAW. (No source)

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This reference is a publication entitled "Workers Defense League" (100-5557), dated 7/6/42, which reveals in detail the last minute efforts to save the life of Odell Waller, convicted murderer. According to this publication, on 7/1/42, a petition urging President Roosevelt to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate the Waller case appeared in the "Washington Star,"* placed by the Workers Defense League. Walter P. Reuther was among the signers of this petition. Waller was electrocuted on 7/2/42, in the state prison, Richmond, Virginia.

100-5557-134 p.5
(203)

Correlator's Note: Serial 132 of this file disclosed that Waller shot and killed Oscar Davis, his former landlord in a dispute over crop shares on 7/15/40.

*Newspaper, Washington, DC.

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An anonymous communication postmarked Detroit, 8/3/42, contained the following: "Did it ever occur to you to keep an eye on Walter P. Reuther. You do know he is a German and once a German always a German. With me it's only a hunch but I have a feeling he's using all the poor working men for a front for some dirty German underground movement."

100-0-14478
(201)

The 8/21/42, issue of "The Sentinel," organ of the Independent Labor League (100-90409), contained a quotation captioned "Warning of Walter P. Reuther, Vice-President of the UAWA-CIO," which is set out as follows:

"' Well, we have been asked to sweat and work, and we are willing to sweat and work and sacrifice, anything to win the war, but I'll be damned if we are going to work and sweat and sacrifice to make the profits of corporations bigger in America.'"

100-90409-15 p.40
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Above information appeared in a WFO letter dated 12/1/42.

100-120818-343 p.43
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The 12/5/42 issue of "The Leader," an Irish-Catholic weekly, contained excerpts from an address by Rep. Clare Hoffman of Michigan, which were quoted from the Congressional Record, and set out as follows:

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"Walter Reuther is the man who when in Russia with his brother wrote back to his comrades in Detroit that they should 'fight for a Soviet America'...

Walter Reuther is the man who is the pet of this administration and he is the man who has so often instigated action in violation of our laws. Yet he escapes combat service through the action of a Federal agency while the farmers' sons march off to war..."

Further quotes from the above address stated in part that the President never criticized Reuther, "the advocate of violence, a defiance of the law, the denial of constitutional rights to American workers."

62-62736-2-14555 p.1,2
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These references in the file captioned "Richard T. Frankensteen, set out information concerning the union activities of Frankensteen and Walter Reuther, officials of the UAW-CIO, Detroit, during the period 1937-1943. In 1937 Frankensteen was CIO organizer for the UAW in Detroit along with Walter, Victor and Roy Reuther. In 1941, Frankensteen and Walter Reuther stated publicly that they planned to introduce an amendment to the union's constitution at the Buffalo Convention, barring communists and others from holding office in the

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union. In July, 1941, at the Buffalo Convention, Frankensteen deserted Reuther and came out in full support of the communists in the union. The main effort of the CP was to defeat the Reuther forces. In 1943 the UAW opened a Washington, DC, Office under the direction of Reuther and Frankensteen, whose duties were to act as liaison men between Government agencies and the Union. Reuther favored retention of the no-strike pledge of the union but refused to allow his name used as honorary vice chairman of the committee because it was organized and controlled by the CP.

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100-16072-1 p.1,3,5,8	(205)
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-13 p.3,5-7	(100)

A dinner forum on India's place in the democratic world, sponsored by the India League of America (100-86351), was held on 1/26/43, at the Hotel Biltmore, NYC, celebrating the thirteenth anniversary of the Indian independence. Walter Reuther was among the speakers at this affair. (Bureau Agent)

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An anonymous communication dated 3/23/43, and postmarked at Des Moines, Iowa, referred the Bureau's attention to the magnitude of the German Fifth Column in the middle West, and enclosed three photographs from the "Des Moines Register" newspaper dated 3/23/43. One of these photographs entitled "Union Leaders Off to Visit Army" stated that more than 250 UAW-CIO leaders left Detroit to find out how the boys who use the war goods they manufacture were working and living. Led by Walter P. Reuther, UAW Vice president (pictured in photograph), the group of union local presidents and shop stewards were to spend three days at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

100-0-18033 encl.p.2
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This reference in the file captioned "Cominfil into the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians - CIO" (FAECT), set out information concerning Walter P. Reuther in connection with the affiliation of the SDE with the UAW-CIO. The SDE affiliate of the FAECT, in Toledo, Ohio, Flint and Detroit, Michigan, voted to

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disaffiliate with the FAECT and to join the UAW-CIOon an industrial union basis. This election was held April 26-28, 1943. Lewis Alan Berne, President, FAECT, claimed that Reuther was trying to bring the SDE into the orbit of his particular faction of the UAW; that the UAW had scored a decisive victory after they had left everything in the hands of Reuther. Berne attacked the activities of Reuther and stated that the KKK elements, Black Legion and Anti-War Bloc all rallied around the Reuther group.

61-7231-142 p.3-7
(21,193)

b7D [redacted]

b7C The "Wage Earner" dated 5/28/43 (not identified), stated in an article that Leo La Motte [redacted] in line with CP activities, charged Reuther with the instigation of Chrysler Strikes. This article also stated that when production stopped in Michigan under La Motte's direction, the first impulse of the CP was to blame Reuther because the Party line was to blacken Reuther's name by accusing him of secret treasonable designs to hamper war production. La Motte's attack on Reuther followed similar attacks made by other known leaders of the political block which centered around the CP.

b7C [redacted]

b7C This reference [redacted] contained information concerning La Motte and Walter Reuther during 1943. According to an article in the "Detroit Free Press," dated 3/7/43, Reuther and La Motte consistently opposed one another on the UAW-CIO Executive Board. The "Plymouth Beacon," publication of the Plymouth Workers Union, Number 51, UAW-CIO, dated June, 1943, revealed that Reuther had asked for the removal of La Motte. Reuther contacted Mr. Waldron, personnel manager of the Hudson Motor Car Company, to urge the rehiring of four individuals, who had been discharged for their trouble making and agitation among the employees. La Motte accused Reuther of fomenting recent strikes in the Detroit area. Reuther had been an avid opponent of communism.

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61-626-261 p.56,63
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According to Detroit files, as of 7/14/43, the SP was preparing post-war propaganda and had proposed that a popular movement (not identified) be started and that the signers should include well-known labor leaders such as Walter and Victor Reuther, and Tucker Powell Smith b7c [redacted] The meeting of such an organization should be led by someone like Victor Reuther or Smith which would cause a number of organizing neighborhood groups and union groups on a local, state and eventually nationwide basis.

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[redacted] Reuther before obtaining his present position as International Vice President, UAW-CIO, was president of Local 174 an still held the position of honorary president. In the recent Intern tional UAW-CIO convention held in Buffalo, New York in October, 1943 Reuther was the leader of the "Right Wing" faction as opposed to the communist supported factional group of Richard Frankensteen, Vice Pr dent and George F. Addes, Secretary-Treasurer, UAW-CIO. (Source not clear)

According to "Michigan CIO News" of 6/25/43, Reuther was honorary president, Local 174, UAW-CIO.

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The following references in the file captioned "Activities in Automobile Industry," set out information concerning Walter Reuther, President of the West Side Local#174, UAW-CIO, during the period 1928 - 5/1/39. According to Confidential Informant Robert M., there was close connection between the CP and the Reuther brothers, Walter, Roy and Victor. The Reuther brothers engineered a good deal of the testimony before the La Follette Committee hearings (not identified), though neither of them ever appeared before the committee. Walter Reuther was a candidate for the Detroit City Council, but lost in the final election in November, 1937. In January, 1939, Reuther and others were suspended from the UAW by President Homer Martin in a possible attempt to split the union. Shortly thereafter, Martin was also suspended and Reuther was elected to a committee to meet in Washington, DC, on 1/24/39, with CIO leaders to report on the UAW situation. In May, 1939, Reuther, member of the UAW Executive Board, was elected to the following committees: National Committee on Research and Education, National Committee on Competitive Shops, Tool and Die, Farm Implements, and National Director of General Motors Division, Detroit.

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A Bureau memorandum set forth pertinent items which were included in the review made by WFO of the Morgenthau Diary covering a period from 1934 to 1940. This Diary contained Bureau letters and reports, including individual name check-type letters on such persons as Walter Reuther and others. All Bureau documents were to be removed from the Diary, sealed and retained in the Office of the National Archivist with access thereto only upon the permission of the Director.

Summary of WFO review enclosed
62-59417-41 p.2 encl.
(37)

b7C This reference is a review of the book entitled "The Whole Of Our Lives" by Benjamin Gitlow [redacted] On pages 316 and 317 of this book, Gitlow wrote that Walter Reuther, hailed from one of the largest CIO locals and proposed a plan to the Government

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The "Michigan Chronicle" dated 9/18/43, publicized a statement by Shelton Tappes (100-124114), disclosing his opposition to the candidacy of R.T. Leonard for secretary-treasurer of the UAW and indicated his preference that George Addes should be re-elected to that position. It was noted that Addes represented the CP for this position, as opposed to Richard Leonard and Walter Reuther, who were said to represent the Socialist element.

When the no-strike pledge was being discussed on the floor of the final session of the Eighth National UAW Convention in Buffalo,NY, on 10/10/43, Tappes spoke in favor of the Minority Report Resolution under Chairman Walter Reuther. (Buffalo files)

100-124114-10 p.13,15
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The April, 1946 issue of "Fortune Magazine" (not identified), contained an article entitled "Fullers House," which set out information concerning the new type of home designed by Richard Buckminster Fuller, Jr The article pointed out that in 1944, Fuller, a chief Mechanical Engineer

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of the Foreign Economic Administration, requested that Herman Wolf, and Gregory Bardacke [redacted] introduce him to Walter Reuther, as he, Fuller, needed labor support to get his Dymaxion House into production. The article further stated that Wolf had worked in Public Relations for Trade Unions.

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The following references pertain to the internal situation of the UAW and the factional dispute between Frankensteen (Richard T. Frankensteen, National Vice President, UAW), R.J. Thomas, Walter Reuther, George Addes and their followers during 1944. UAW Local 174 was principally a Reuther faction, composed of the social element and anti-communists within the union.

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100-190625-1016 p.4	(147)
100-207867-10 p.3	(148)

b2, b7D According to a Chicago report dated 1/18/44, [redacted] reported that an individual whom he believed to be [redacted] (not identified) had been trying to find a speaker for the program of [redacted] (not identified), which was to be broadcast (not further explained). He stated he had tried to get Walter Reuther but had been turned down.

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"Time"(94-3-4-11) a weekly newsmagazine dated 3/20/44, contained an article entitled "The Press," which stated that the once powerful US Socialist Press that week celebrated its 21st anniversary; and that Manhattan's weekly tabloid "New Leader," was a mouthpiece for many shades of liberal and leftish opinion whose life-blood was a steady stream of free literary contributions from such individuals as Walter Reuther, some of whom would be outraged if they were called Socialists or leftists.

94-3-4-11-450 p.60
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b7C On 8/26/44 Vincent Klein [redacted] wrote an article in "Glos Ludowy"* in which he stated that officials of the UAW-CIO including

* Pro-communist Polish language newspaper, Detroit.

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Walter Reuther would send letters over their signatures to all locals to appoint delegates to the Second Slav Congress** to be held on September 23-24, 1944 at Pittsburgh, Pa..

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b2, b7c [redacted] wanted to know what arrangements should be made to keep [redacted] away from the Reuther crowd. The informant believed that the Reuther referred to was Walter Reuther, who opposed the communist element within the UAW.

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The Second Annual International Educational Conference of the UAW-CIO, was held at the Pfeister Hotel, 424 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, January 5-7, 1945. It was noted that the CPA endeavored through contacts made at the conference to line up party followers for rank and positions in the union in an effort to destroy the extent of Walter P. Reuther's control within the union. Reuther was the anti-communist leader within the UAW-CIO. (no source)

100-175577-17 p.4
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b7c [redacted] According to the communists, Reuther's position was that the most important problem was advancement of the labor movement, with the win the war effort next in line. The communists planned to discredit Reuther publicly and drive him from the union. Reuther was referred to as the fair-haired boy of the NAACP. [redacted]

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b7c [redacted] During this period the newspapers were blaming Reuther for the UAW strike [redacted] Reuther had described the union committee he refused to join, as a "Red plot."

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It was noted that Reuther was in Flint at the time, attempting to have the striking employees return to work.

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On 3/29/45, a conference was held at the office* of the Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation. Sparks reported that Reuther had lined up his gang and had isolated R. J. Thomas and Addes (not identified) and had sewed up the UAW Political Committee; that nothing could come before the board without Reuther's approval. Sparks further stated that Reuther intended to undermine the entire CIO policy and that all locals should send wires to Phillip Murray opposing Reuther's policies. [redacted] b2, b7D

This serial indicated that Sparks was President, Wisconsin CPA; R. J. Thomas was President, UAW and Murray was CIO leader.

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* Possibly both offices were located in Milwaukee, Wisc.

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According to a General Crime Survey report dated 4/14/45, in the Detroit, area, the International officers of the UAW-CIO, including Vice-President Walter P. Reuther, were not known to have serious criminal records or to associate with the criminal element.

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On 9/11/45, the New York Office furnished literature concerni The Labor Book Club (100-341901), which revealed that the board of Judg of The Labor Book Club was made up of four top officers of the UAW-CIO, including Walter Reuther. Every selection of this book club was made by the unanimous decision of the board.

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The 1945 Fall issue of the "Workers Defense League" (100-5557), contained a resume on "Our Super Seniority Exposed," by Daniel Bell, Assistant Editor of "Common Sense." This article revealed an alleged effort on the part of management to create a conflict between returning veterans and other workers, as to which had seniority. The author called for full employment and suggested that readers consider the full employment plans of Walter Reuther, contained in the Murray Bill (not explained) now in Congress and the "Full Employment and Full Production Plan" of the SP.

100-5557-221 p.2
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This letter, signed by Walter Reuther is proof of his loyalty to the Soviet Union. He admits that he prefers Communism to Americanism. His unwillingness to join the army of the United States along with his thousands of fellow Americans is evidence that he still feels no loyalty to America and to American principles.

There can be only one reason for the vicious red-baiting campaign in which Reuther has recently indulged. Communism is not now popular with American workers and, Reuther, filled with personal ambition, does not hesitate to switch sides in his public appearances, The real test of his loyalty is recorded in his acts.

In 1934 he wrote a letter in which he expressed his loyalty to the Soviet Union above his loyalty to America.

In 1941 he refused to serve his country in the armed services of the nation.

Walter P. Reuther has not changed his mind. Despite his loud patriotic utterences, he still refuses to take an active part in the upholding of American principles or in the active defense of this country.

Consider just who are the members of the Reuther family who is an automobile workers.

Roy Reuther was a WPA instructor in 1934. He has no record of having worked in any automobile plant.

Vistor Reuther, professional unionist with less than one month actual service in the automobile industry. His record is that of a social service worker strikingly similar to Sidney Hillman.

All three have been associated with Brookwood Labor College, notorious socialist School. The director of that school is at present a prominent member of the Socialist party in Michigan. When that school was disbanded the entire library was purchased by Walter Reuther and is now in the archives of the Reuther controlled Local 174 in Detroit.

The Reuther brothers have closely identified with every factional endeavor in the union and have been, at various time, 'pro' one thing or another. First, Pro-Communists, and then Pro-Socialist. At one time Pro-John L. Lewis, Pro-Homer Martin, now they are Pro-Hillman with his 'middle of the Road' policy. When it was popular they were Pro-Peace now they are Pro-War, Pro-Britain. They have changed their allegiance many times, but the records will show that they have been consistently careerists and have always been Pro-Reuther as evidenced by the fact that they have been able to keep on the payroll of the UAW-CIO four members of their family:

Roy
Vistor
Walter and his wife.

About twenty minutes walk from the factory an entirely new Socialist city has sprung up. Here over 50,000 of the factory workers and their families live in fine new apartment buildings. Large hospitals, schools, theatres and clubs have been erected here and for the use of those who work, for without a worker's card one cannot use all these fine modern facilities. Three nights ago we were invited to the club house in Sosgor (Socialist City) for an evening of enjoyment given by the workers of the Die making shop. All the workers with whom we daily workcame together that evening for a fine banquet, a concert, speaches and a big dance.

A division of the Red Army was also present as guests. That social affair was the most inspiring thing I have ever seen. Once a fellow has seen what is possible where workers gain power, he no longer fights for just an ideal, he fights for something which is real, something tangible. Imagine Henry Ford throwing a big party for his slaves. Here the party was no gift of charity from someone above, for we one the factory and we held the meeting and decided to have our party and it was paid for from the surplus earnings of our department.

The interesting thing is that three years ago this place here was a vast prairie, a waste land. The thousands of workers here who are today building complicated dies and other tools were at that time peasants who had never seen an industry let alone worked in one. Yet by mere brute determination, by the determination to build a workers' country second to none in the world, urged on by the spirit of the Revolution they have constructed stone by stone his huge and marvelous auto factory which today is turning out modern cars for the Soviet Union,

Through the Bitter Russian winters of 45 below they have toiled at times almost with bare hands, digging foundations, erecting structures, pulling the huge presses into place and setting them up for operation with their own brute strength. What they have here they have sacrificed and suffered for and they are not ready to turn it over to any capitalists. The comrades from the Red Army still on guard at the factory are the symbol of the workers determination to guard against sabotage and counter-revolution.

Mel, we are witnessing and experiencing great things in the U.S.S.R. We are seeing the most backward nation in the world being rapidly transformed into the most modern and scientific with new concepts and social ideals coming into force. Daily, we are watching Socialism being taken down from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. Who would not be inspired by such events?

Let us know definitely what is happening to the YPSL also if the "Social Problems" Club of the City College Detroit is still functioning and what it is doing. Carry on the fight.

Vic and Wal

Here the workers thru their militant leadership, the proletarian dictatorship, have against all odds, against famine, against intense strife and civil war, against sabotage, against capitalist invasion and blockade—our Comrade have maintained power, they have won over the masses, they have transformed a great part of those "dark masses" of Russian into energetic enlightened workers. They have transformed the Soviet Union into one of the Greatest industrial nations in the world. They have laid the economic foundation for Socialism, for a classless society.

If you could be with us for just one day in our shop you would realize the significance of the Soviet Union. To be with us in our factory Red Corner at a shop meeting and watch the workers as they offer suggestions and constructive criticism of production in the shop. Here are no bosses with power to drive fear into the hearts of the workers. No one to drive them to mad speed-ups. Here the workers are in control. Even the shop superintendent has no more right in these meetings than any other worker. I have witnessed many times already when the Superintendent spoke too long, the workers in the hall decided that had already consumed enough time and the floor was given to the lathe hand who told of his problems, and offered his suggestions. Try and imagine that at Fords or Briggs.

This is what the outside world calls the "Ruthless Dictatorship in Russia." Let me say that in all the countries we have thus far been in, we have never seen such genuine proletarian democracy. It is unpolished and crude, rough and rude, but workers democracy in every respect. The workers in England have more culture and polish when they speak at their meetings but after all they have no power, they are still but the tools of an owning class. Here the workers are unpolished and rude, but are genuinely class conscious and they have powers.

In our factory, which is the largest and most modern in Europe (and we have seen them all) there are no pictures of Ford or Rockefeller, Roosevelts, or Mellon. No such parasites, but rather huge pictures of Lenin and Stalin etc, greet the workers' eyes on every side. Red banners with slogans of "Workers of the World United" are draped across the craneways. Little red flags fly from the tops of presses, drills, lathe kellers etc. Men and women work side by side-the women with their red cloth about their heads, the men with their fur caps.

We work here seven hours per day, five days a week (our week here is six days long). At noon we all eat in a large factory restaurant where wholesome plain food is served. A workers' ban furnishes music to us from an adjoining room. For the remainder of the one-hour lunch period we adjourn to the Red Corner Recreational room where we play games, read papers or technical books or merely sit and smoke or chat. Such a fine spirit of comradeship we have never before witnessed in our life. No distinctions exist between Superintendents, leaders and ordinary workers. If you saw our "super" swinging through the shop greeting workers with "Hello Comrade," you could not distinguish him from any other worker.

The frantic and desperate efforts of Walter Reuther to evade the draft caused a great deal of surprise among unionists who had been listening to his speeches supporting the war program.

For months Walter P. Reuther had been waving the flag in a series of patriotic addresses, but when it came his turn to join the colors he used every trick and finally was successful in being deferred.

Remember, Walter P. Reuther was deferred on his own appeal. With all the publicity that union officials were asking for his deferment because of his necessity to the labor movement, the final decision by the Draft Board was made on the basis of a personal appeal by Walter P. Reuther on the grounds that his wife was dependent upon his income.

Mrs. Reuther is Walter's secretary and her salary is paid by the International Union, United Automobile Workers of America. The record will show that the Reuther family strongly believes that any services rendered the labor movement by members of that family should be well repaid financially.

What caused this sudden change in the patriotism of Walter P. Reuther? Or was there any change in his attitude toward the government of the United States? The following letter written by Walter P. Reuther and Victor Reuther from Soviet Russia, might be a clue to the reason for the draft evasion.

Dear M_____ and G_____:

Your letter arrived here last week, forwarded from Germany, and was read with more than usual interest. It is precisely because you are equally anxious to receive word from a workers'land as we were to hear from Detroit that I am taking the first opportunity to answer you.

That you have written concerning the strikes and the general labor unrest in Detroit plus what we have learned from other sources of the rising discontent of the American Workers makes us long for the moment to be back with you in the front lines of the struggle. However, as compensation for our temporary absence, there is the daily inspiration that is ours as we work side by side with our Russian comrades in our factory; the thought that we are actually helping build a society that will forever end the exploitation of man by man; the knowledge that what we are building will be for the benefit and enjoyment, not only of the working class of Russia but the working class of the whole world.

You know that Wal and I were always strong for the Soviet Union, that we were always ready to defend it against the lies of reactionaries. But let me tell you now that we are seeing here all the great construction, watching a backward peasantry being transformed into an enlightened, democratic and cultured populus; now that we have already experienced the thrill and satisfaction of participating in genuine working class democracy, we are more than just sympathic toward the Soviet Union, we are ready to fight for it and its ideal.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. G. C. Burton,
Room 1513,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Subject: Walter P. Reuther.

1. There is forwarded herewith for your information a copy of an anonymous report concerning Walter P. Reuther.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

WILLARD WEBB,
Captain, Military Intelligence,
Chief, Plant Intelligence Branch.

Enclosure:
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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

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[illegible]

(a) Tool and die makers
(b) Pattern makers
(c) Designers and draftsmen
(d) Skilled maintenance men
(e) Women (Give classification)
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

19. How many of your production workers are capable of doing skilled work?
Tool and die makers
Pattern makers
Designers and draftsmen
Skilled maintenance men
Other

20. Have any of your plants been recently notified of defense jobs to be performed?

21. If your present set up does not end itself to the production of available defense items would you be willing to retool to produce these jobs? [illegible]
(a) If so, do so at your own expense?

22. Attitude of management (To be filled in by Interviewer)

Signed

Interviewer

Address submitted to

Title

Forward immediately to:
UAW-CIO Defense Employment Division
2281 West Grand Blvd. Detroit, Mich.
GEORGE F. ADDES Coordinator
VICTOR G. REUTHER Area Coordinator

9. Has management submitted bids for defense work? _____

Type _____ Date of Placement _____

How many additional jobs could be provided for male help? _____

for female help? _____

for Negro help? _____

10. Have you any definite assurance of obtaining defense work? _____

11. At capacity (at your basis) how many people could you employ? _____

12. Highest employment during the past 4 months was

Males _____

Females _____

Negroes _____

13. Lowest employment in the past 4 months was

Males _____

Females _____

Negroes _____

14. Present employment is

Male _____

Female _____

Negro _____

15. Are layoffs due solely to auto production curtailment? _____

Inability to obtain defense contracts? _____

Both? _____

16. How many workers do you expect to lay off?

(a) By December 1, 1941

Male _____

Female _____

Negro _____

(b) By January 1, 1942

Male _____

Female _____

Negro _____

(c) By February 1, 1942

Male _____

Female _____

Negro _____

17. How many workers will you have on production in the following months?

		Civilian	Defense	Total
Dec. 1, 1941	Men			
	Women			
	Negro			
Jan. 1, 1942	Men			
	Women			
	Negro			

Drill Press
Drop Forge Hammer
Gear Cutting Lathe
Hydraulic Press
Lathe
Open Side Planer
Turret Lathe
Profiler
Shell Reaming
Bench Machine

Automatic Screw Machine
Bench Grinders
Bench Hammers
Boring Lathes
Boring Mills
Drill Presses

Turning Lathes
Vertical Boring Mills
Bull Wheels
Drill Presses
Drop Forge Hammers
Gear Cutting Lathes
Hydraulic Presses
Lathes
Open Side Planers
Turret Lathes
Profilers
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Vertical Boring Mills
Bull Wheels
Drill Presses
Drop Forge Hammers
Gear Cutting Lathes
Hydraulic Presses
Lathes
Open Side Planers
Turret Lathes
Profilers
Shell Reaming Machines
Bench Machines

5. What kinds of products could this plant produce?

(a) Will [illegible] be [illegible] during [illegible]?

(b) Will [illegible] be [illegible] during [illegible]?

6. What is the [illegible] speed [illegible] this plant? (Hours, days, construction, age, railroad siding, commuting [illegible])

7. What [illegible] of different contracts now being worked on in this plant?

8. How many men are now employed on this work?

Women:
Men:

SURVEY
for
UAW DEFENSE EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

Name of Plant _____ Local No. _____ Area No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

1. Were any men laid off from this plant during the past year?

(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____

2. What kind of work did the plant perform during the past year?

(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____

3. Describe and number the machines now operating in the plant.

Bench Presses
Drill Presses
Spot Welders
Turret Lathes
Shapers
Boring Mills
Milling Machines
Grinders
Shears
Rollers
Planers, Large
Planers, Small
Draw Benches
Drills
Profilers
Shot Cleaning
Blast Cleaners
Stamp Machines

Automatic Screw Machines
Bench Grinders
Board Hammers
Boring Lathes
Boring Mills up to 54"
Broaches
Broaching Machines
Cylinder Grinders
Degreasing & Paint
Spraying Units
Test Machines
Thread Machines
Trimming Presses
Turning Lathes
Welding Facilities
Butt Welders
Draw Presses, Light
Draw Presses, Type

Drop Forge Equipt.
Engine Lathes
Forging Hammers
Gear Cutting Equipt.
Hand Millers
Heat Treat Equipt.
Hydraulic Presses
Lathes
Open Side Planers
Type Mill Mach.

Repetitive Machines

4. Describe and number the machines not now operating.

Bench Presses
Drill Presses
Spot Welders
Turret Lathes

Broaches
Broaching Machines
Cylinder Grinders
Degreasing & Paint
Spraying Units

Stamping Machines
Test Machines
Thread Machines
Trimming Presses

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

TO THE RECORDING SECRETARIES
OF ALL UAW-CIO LOCAL UNIONS

Dear Sir and Brother:

Some weeks ago our Defense Employment Division supplied all City Defense Employment Committees with a quantity of Employment Survey Questionnaires, requesting that these city committees furnish all local unions in their jurisdiction with these surveys and assist them in the compiling of the requested information.

It has been called to my attention that numerous local unions as yet have not been contacted by their representative City Defense Employment Committees regarding this survey. Rather than experience any further delay, I am forwarding directly to all local unions a copy of this survey questionnaire with the urgent request that you give immediate consideration to this and return the completed questionnaire to this office at the earliest possible date.

Where management is willing to cooperate in the furnishing of some of the requested information, their cooperation should be solicited. If your management is reluctant to cooperate, your local union through your stewards and committeemen should independently compile the desired data. It is extremely important that this Division have at the earliest possible date an accurate picture of employment prospects in your local plants.

In the event your local union has already complied with this request, I trust you will ignore this communication.

Best wishes for a jovial holiday season.

Fraternally yours,

Victor G. Reuther

Victor G. Reuther
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR
UAW-CIO DEFENSE EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: Mr. R. H. Cunningham

Gentlemen:

The attached photostatic copies of a letter by Victor G. Reuther, December 10, 1941, and plant survey forms are transmitted for your information and such action as you may deem necessary.

In the opinion of this Division the information requested by Mr. Reuther should not be furnished and Unions should not be allowed to secure it by private means.

It is requested that this Division be informed as to the action taken.

As a matter of interest, copies of this information are being transmitted to OPM.

Sincerely yours,

ack 1-29-42

RAYMOND E. LEE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

by T E Roderick
T. E. RODERICK
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A BILL OF DUTIES FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE (continued):

The people shall have the duty to implement the right peaceably to assemble by assuring that in every community the places of assembly are freely open to all.

It shall be the duty of the people vigorously to exercise their right to petition the government for redress of grievances and to defend all petitioners against blacklisting, intimidation, or other reprisal.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of the people firmly to resist attempts to pervert their right to keep and bear arms into license for employers to use private arms against workers, or license for the government to use the armed forces against the people themselves.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the people to protect their persons, houses, papers and effects from illegal searches and seizures. And they shall defend the rights of all to hold opinions, religious or political, free from spying or inquisition.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the people to defend the rights of aliens as well as citizens to have the protection of due process of law. They shall require that the law be enforced with even-handed justice against all offenders. And they shall take to themselves the rights and duties of public defenders, insisting that in all cases, whether before the courts, legislative committees, or other agencies of government, the right of the accused to be informed of charges, to have an opportunity to answer charges, and to be represented by counsel be fully respected.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of the people to oppose with all the means in their power violations of the constitutional prohibitions against excessive bail; excessive fines, and cruel and unusual punishments.

ARTICLE 8. It shall be the duty of the people to guarantee by their own vigilance the American system of free elections, and to secure the right of franchise to all citizens, regardless of race, creed, color, economic condition or political opinion.

ARTICLE 9. It shall be the duty of the people to combat all doctrines of racism by eradicating anti-Semitism and assuring to the Negro and all other racial minorities equal political, economic and social rights throughout the land.

ARTICLE 10. It shall be the prime duty of the people to unmask the deception that democracy can be "temporarily" laid aside during an emergency, and they shall resolutely determine to defend democracy by refusing to surrender any of their basic constitutional rights.

It shall be the duty of each and every American to make this country a true democracy by keeping bright and sharp through use democracy's own weapons, the untrammelled thought and fearless action of a free people.

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A BILL OF DUTIES

FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The dearest possession of the American people is its heritage of democratic institutions, under which free men enjoy the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Today this heritage is in gravest jeopardy.

Our rights can be preserved to our posterity as we, the people of the United States, assume the duty of actively defending them.

Therefore, in adopting this Bill of Duties, we once more highly resolve that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from our land.
And to that end, we, as our Founding Fathers did, mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

ARTICLE 1. It shall be the duty of every American to affirm and uphold the principle on which this nation was founded, that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed and that the sovereignty of the people is supreme.

ARTICLE 2. It shall be the duty of the people to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and to require strict enforcement of the letter and spirit of the Bill of Rights, the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. And it shall be the duty of the people to defend the right to strike, to protect labor's right to organize and bargain collectively.

ARTICLE 3. It shall be the duty of the people to practice tolerance toward all forms of religious worship and to guarantee the free exercise of religion, <u>including the right to refuse military service on grounds of conscience</u>.

It shall be the duty of the people to speak out on all public questions thereby assuring that freedom of speech and of the press are preserved, and to guard jealously the right of others to enjoy equal freedom without government interference, intimidation, or economic coercion.

WHEREAS, statements of the type issued by Richard Frankenstein and Walter Reuther are extremely detrimental to the Union and might lead to discussion among the membership,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that it is improper and highly reprehensible for individual members or officers to issue any statements or proposed notices of resolutions before receiving the position of the officers of the International Union and the Executive Board of the International Union, or as the case may be, the officials of its local board and the majority of its local executive board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we most strongly condemn the action taken by Richard Frankenstein and Walter Reuther in their statement to the press as being diametrically opposed to the best interest of the Union, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because unity within the union is the main pillar of strength and because freedom of creed and political action must be preserved to retain our national democracy and to maintain our union,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any member or person who has taken the oath of allegiance to this country and has expressed his loyalty and patriotism and willingness to defend this country and its democracy from attacks from within and without, shall be free from any attacks, suspicions or reflections of any member, officers or officials of the Union.

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RESOLUTION

ON STATEMENT ISSUED BY RICHARD FRANKENSTEEN AND WALTER REUTHER

WHEREAS, a statement appeared in the public press on April 30, 1941 setting forth the policies and theories of Richard T. Frankenstein and Walther Reuther and asserting that they will introduce certain resolutions at the next annual UAW-CIO Convention, and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolutions of Richard Frankenstein and WALTER Reuther to amend the constitution whereby members would be barred from any appointive or elective offices in either the International or the Local, would deprive such members of their rights and benefits of union membership if such members have any theories or ideas or consider any theories, policies or ideas that the movers of such resolution would deem contrary to their own theories, policies and ideas and which they could immediately classify as Communist, Nazi and Fascist; and

WHEREAS, one of the expressed objects set forth in the Articles of the constitution of the UAW-CIO is "to unite in one organization regardless of religion, race, creed, color, political affiliation or nationality, all employees under the jurisdiction of this International Union"; and

WHEREAS, under the present tragic world situation and its reflections in the labor movement in the United States where employers are attempting by all means to undermine, sabotage and do away with all labor unions using as one of the chief methods the cha ge of Communism, and other items; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of statements such as appeared on April 30, 1941, which might be picked on by reference, innuendo or falsehoods to reflect on the membership of the Union; and

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Duties is now being circulated in this part of the country by the Civil Rights Federation, 530 Insurance Exchange Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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physically impossible for members to attend. Strikes and slowdowns are sanctioned by a handful, predominately communists, who reverently attend meetings and use steam roller methods to authorize the stoppage of work. When strikes are in progress exorbitant demands are made; delays in negotiations are deliberately perpetrated and when agreements are about to be reached some flimsy excuse is always found to arrest the orderly return to production.

That an understanding does exist between the nazis and the communists is evident in the order issued by the German-American Bund to join the ranks of the Communist Party and use the machinery of this organization to harrass American industry. The orders for this nazi-communist collaboration do not emanate from here; they are usually issued in Berlin. Feverish and unusually large communication activities between the Communist Party of America and Moscow have been noted. This is substantiated by large bills submitted by the American communication companies to the AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION.

Functionaries of the Communist Party of America, big and small, are constantly questioning workers engaged in vital defense industries. Those questions cover technical facilities, production statistics, destination of material produced and other highly important defense secrets. This information is collected daily and finds its way to the Berlin chancellory by way of Moscow.

Party leaders who fail tomperform and live up to the requirements of the political bureau of the party are disciplined. ELMER JOHNSON, Secretary of District No. 7, covering the Detroit territory, was removed for his failure to bring about a general walkout in the plants of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION. He was supplanted a few days ago by PAT TOOHEY who comes here with an impressive record of strikes perpetrated in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. To assist him is OTTO WENGERIN, an old communist veteran on strike technique who was also assigned here.

Our combat army, members of the Army, Navy and Marines are not neglected by those carriers of social sedition. In addition to the Young Communist League and the Youth Industrial Conference now in the process of formation, the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties is about to take the field to propagandize the right to refuse military service on grounds of conscience. Under the all appealing guise of civil rights protection, this new communist front will shortly start spreading among soldiers, sailors and prospective conscripts, a perverted notion that under the Constitution they can refuse military service or to bear arms in defense of our country.

The declaration was adopted at the National Action Conference held in Washington, D.C. on April 19-20, 1941, and is embodied in a Bill of Duties for the American people adopted at that conference. This Bill of

Subject: [illegible] (continued).

[illegible] and [illegible]. A considerable number of locals voted favorably on this resolution. The CIO Industrial Council of Detroit, which is the local governing CIO body, defeated the resolution by a very narrow margin, 61 to 46. A copy of this resolution is attached hereto.

Public reaction to this wave of strikes is beginning to crystalize and I am apprehensive that this attitude may take a hostile and violent form. I am reliably informed that the K.K.K. is one of the largest beneficiaries from this reaction. An unprecedented number of applications for membership. These applications are coming in at the rate of over 500 per week. A careful survey made among the new applicants to this organization as to their attitude to the present world crises, strike situation and the foreign policy of our Administration, reveals some astonishing facts. The overwhelming majority of the new applicants to the K.K.K. are for immediate declaration of war against Germany. They consider LEWIS as misguided and impractical but honest. SENATOR WHEELER, according to their assertions, is on the nazi payroll. The National Administration is right in their foreign policy but 100% wrong in their labor approach. On the wave of strikes and the communist penetration they favor organizing vigilantes. This substantiates a survey made by the Attorney General's Office of Michigan, who apparently possess evidence that vigilantes have been formed in some parts of the state.

Now let me go back to the sinister and extremely destructive part played by the organized communist element in the U.S. I have given this matter a great deal of attention. Numerous contacts close to this subversive aggregation have been interviewed. Some of those contacts are close to the highest party leaders entrenched in the controlling machines; most of them are close to ordinary functionaries, the ones who perform the manual dirty tasks and who never question soundness of those tasks. By elucidating and analyzing this information, there is a single conclusion that one can reach and that is that the Communist Party of America has now become a conspirative organization, and that it is being successfully used by Moscow in the interests of the Axis powers for sabotaging our war efforts and espionage activities on a large scale; that some sort of an alliance or understanding exists between Hitler and Stalin and that this alliance is primarily directed against the U.S. Trained observers who have been keenly watching numerous proceedings of unions infested with communists agree unanimously that a strike psychosis is being deliberately and skillfully instilled by a well-organized and highly disciplined minority group of communist malcontents. "Strike now, and get all you can, for you'll be starving six months from now," are the usual slogans advanced at those gatherings.

The majority of the workers whose loyalty is unquestionable do not attend union meetings. Huge membership in some of the locals make it

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The recent announcement made by RICHARD FRANKENSTEIN and WALTER REUTHER, that they will introduce a resolution to the next annual UAW-CIO convention, whereby members of this organization would be barred from an appointive or elective offices in either the international or local unions if they profess communist, nazi or fascist theories, created quite a sensation.

To begin with, those two individuals have achieved their present important ranking position in the UAW through the assistance and close co-operation of the communist element. While FRANKENSTEIN was never affiliated officially with any of the extreme radical groups, he is considered an opportunist that would enter into any kind of an alliance to promote his personal ambitions. WALTER REUTHER has been known to sympathize with communism, made a trip to Russia and eulogized the present experiment in Soviet Russia in letters as well as from a public platform.

As to the reasons for coming out with this revolutionary announcement in the light of their past performances, two theories are advanced based upon more or less factual and reasonable deductions. First, the damaging influences exercised by the communists through their deeply rooted control of the rank and file of the CIO, and the consequences therefrom. Second, an organized attempt now in process to remove FRANKENSTEIN and REUTHER from leadership in the UAW. This move is now being put in motion by the communists in every local.

The present epidemic of strikes as I stressed in a number of reports previously submitted, is definitely the result of a carefully planned conspiracy on the part of the communists. There is definite evidence that a considerable number of so called conservative labor leaders are power drunk and are unconsciously playing into the hands of the extremists.

The dissatisfaction on the part of the well entrenched communist leadership in the UAW-CIO with FRANKENSTEIN's and REUTHER's conduct, is due to the insistence on the part of the communist leadership to call an immediate strike in all the General Motor plants without granting delay as requested by the National Labor Arbitration Board, pending the present negotiations. FRANKENSTEIN and REUTHER insisted that a postponement of the strike should be granted and since they represented the organization in all the negotiations, a delay was executed. The communist motto is strike first and negotiate later. As a matter of fact they are not so very much concerned with the results of the negotiationsas long as they can cripple and paralyze production. Their influences in the numerous locals is a lot more serious than the general public realizes and the conservative leaderships are willing to admit. At the present time they are trying to put over a resolution in every local, repudiating the action of

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Headquarters Second Corps Area.

June 6, 1941.
(Date)

Subject: RICHARD FRANKENSTEIN
and
WALTER KEUTHER.

Summary of Information:

The attached report has been received from a confidential source and was not solicited by this office.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

EARLE K. ANTHONY,
1st Lieutenant, C. S. C.,
Acting Executive Officer, G-2.

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June 12, 1941

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Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Mr. William Murphy
Department of Justice

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

10 Enclosures:

G2/10110-2877/11 - MID Summ. of Info. w/attd rpt re Richard Frankenstein and Walter Reuther: dtd 6/6/41. (from 2d C.A.)

G2/10104-1476 - MID Summ. of Info. re Aluminum Co. of America, Cleveland, Ohio: dtd 6/11/41.

G2/10104-1397 - MID Summ. of Info. re Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp., Detroit Michigan: dtd 6/11/41.

G2/10110-2894 - MID Summ. of Info. re International Longshoremen's Association, Baltimore, Md.: dtd 6/11/41.

G2/10104-2063 - MID Summ. of Info. re North American Aviation, Inc., Inglewood, Calif.: dtd 6/11/41.

G2/10110-2663 - MID Summ. of Info. re Distribution of CIO Literature to Chemical Warfare Service Employees: dtd 6/10/41.

G2/10104-3642/1 - Report re Gager Lime Mfg. Co.: dtd 6/3/41.

G2/10104-2063 - MID Summ. of Info. re North American Aviation, Inc., Inglewood, California: dtd 6/11/41.

G2/10104-1476 - MID Summ. of Info. re Aluminum Co. of America, Cleveland, Ohio: dtd 6/11/41.

G2/10104-2800 - Ditto cpy of Memo for The Under Sec'y. of War re Strikes and Labor Disputes Affecting War Dep't. Procurement: dtd 6/11/41.

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[illegible] this was the only [illegible]
[illegible]'s apartment and that [illegible]
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two or three years when he had noticed Reuther's [illegible]
being prominent among the organizers and leaders [illegible]
C. I. O activities in Detroit. He said that he [illegible]
that Reuther had been the leader of the difficulty [illegible]
the Ford plant had had a couple of years ago.

"Roamer stated that he considers Reuther to be a [illegible]
out' [illegible]

"Roamer stated that the first time he had seen [illegible]
since Reuther had gone abroad was on November [illegible]
when he had noticed Reuther leaving the Beaulieu [illegible]
He said that he checked on the guards' book and [illegible]
learned that Reuther had gone in at six o'clock [illegible]
at seven o'clock in the evening.

REFERENCE: File CI/10110-3664, War Dept., M. I. D., January [illegible]
Subject, "Walter P. Reuther, CIO Labor Leader,"
Detroit Area, Summary of Information.

The above referred to Summary of Information on Reuther has not been included in this report as information originated from War Department, M. I.

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[illegible] Michigan, [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] stated that the subject [Roemer] [illegible] supported the radical view of all matters discussed, that his books and magazines were primarily radical in nature; that he was well educated but lacked discretion; and that his closest friend was Walter Reuther, a radical labor leader.

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REFERENCE: File G 978e, Washington, D. C., December 9, 1940, Subject, "John Franklin Roemer," to Office of Secretary of War, Paragraph 2, Page 3, under "Memorandum by H. D. Wise, Jr., Special Agent M. I. D."

"Mr. Hughes advised this agent that he has been informed by Roemer that Roemer had recently seen a man named Reuther leaving the Munitions Building at 7 o'clock in the evening. Roemer had informed Hawes that Reuther is a labor leader in Detroit and a radical."

REFERENCE: File G 978e, Washington, D. C., December 9, 1940, Subject, "John Franklin Roemer," to Office of Secretary of War, Paragraph 2, Page 3, under "Memorandum by H. D. Wise, Jr., Special Agent M. I. D."

"Roemer informed these Agents that in 1932 when he was a student at Wayne University in Detroit, he had known Reuther. He said that he did not know Reuther very well, but that he and Reuther had been classmates. He said that they studied under a German professor who was fond of singing. He further said that he was in the college quartet, and that Reuther knew a number of German songs, and that he and Reuther and Reuther's brother and one or two others occasionally sang German songs with and for their German teacher.

"He said that out of this association he had once gone to the apartment occupied by Reuther where he had met Reuther's brother and several others, all of whom seemed interested in political economy and all of whom seemed particularly interested in the Soviet Revolution and the political scheme developed by it. Roemer said that Reuther informed him that he and his brother contemplated a bicycle trip through Europe in the near future.

"Roemer informed these Agents that Reuther and his brother and one or two others had left even before the end of the school year for these bicycle trips which had been menti

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[illegible] the following:

[illegible], Pres., Detroit West Side [illegible] of the United Automobile Workers of America. [illegible]"

REFERENCE: File B 000.52, Chicago, Ill., November 25, 1940, Subject, "Wyndham Mortimer," to CMSV, 2nd, 6th and 9th Corps Areas.

"In August, 1937, the United Automobile Workers of America was reported to be suffering from a factional dispute between a Progressive Caucus made up of Homer Martin, Richard Frankenstein and their followers and a Unity Caucus consisting of Wyndham Mortimer, [illegible] Hall, Walter Reuter and their followers. The Progressives desired to exclude from office and possibly from membership, all known as, or charged as being 'Reds' without defining the term too closely; the Unity Platform would exclude none but steel pigeons and enemies of labor. The Progressives desired a highly centralized authoritative leadership, while the Unity Group demanded a greater local Union, Democracy and the sharing of executive power among the elected executive officers. This seems to indicate that Mortimer was at that time endeavoring to lay the ground work for the injection of his Communist ideas in the Union."

REFERENCE: File B 000.52, Chicago, Ill., November 25, 1940, Subject, "Wyndham Mortimer," to CMSV, 2nd, 6th and 9th Corps Areas.

"In January, 1939, Wyndham Mortimer was suspended as VP of the International Union, United Automobile Workers of America along with 14 other officers and board members, by President Homer Martin. The Daily Worker, in reporting this action reflected that Martin, proceeding in a typical 'Fascist' manner, raided the offices of the International Union (UAWA) in Detroit with twenty-five of his 'Goons' and, after taking away some material, closed the offices.

"Among others suspended were George Addes, Secretary and Treasurer, and Walter Reuter, who have subsequently been reported to be Communists and agitators in the 'sleydowns' in the Airplane Industry on the West Coast."

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WAR DEPARTMENT
M.I.D.

May 7, 1941
(Date)

Subject: WALTER P. REUTHER, or REUTER

Summary of Information:

The following is a copy of all the information in the files of G-2, Headquarters Sixth Corps Area, concerning subject:

REFERENCE: File 000.1 General, "Restricted," Chicago, Ill., Section 15, Memorandum concerning Communist activities in Detroit, Michigan, furnished by confidential informant March 1, 1939.

"A very important meeting was held by the political Bureau of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. in Detroit, Michigan, on Sunday and Monday, February 12 and 13, 1939. The meeting was held in the Michigan State Headquarters of the Communist Party at 5969 - 14th Street, Detroit, Michigan, and was in session from 8 PM to 11 PM Sunday Evening and on Monday Afternoon and Evening extending over until 1AM Tuesday Morning. The importance of the meeting to the Communist Party may be judged from the fact that 20 of the 60 members of the National Committee of the Communist Party were in attendance here."

"All persons present at the above described meetings were leading Communist Party members, and as outlined only the leaders in the Party were allowed to attend this meeting.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 23, 1941

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

Enclosures:

G2/10104-1391/36 - Cpy of MID Summ. Complaint re Elmer Reichling, (NPA) 201 N. 74th St., Belleville, Ill.: dtd 4/26/41.

G2/10110-2662/377 - Cpy of report from 2nd C.A. re Cases Listed on Previous Reports Not Included in Monthly Summary for March: dtd 5/1/41.

G2/271-1-9 - Mimeo Cpy of Memo for the C. of S. re Domestic Situation - April, 1941: dtd 5/14/41.

G2/10110-2664/437 - Cpy of MID Summ. of Info. re Walter P. Reuther, et al: dtd 5/7/41.

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WALTER REUTHER - - whom you have "passed" into aircraft plants & made "high" with technical experts - - IS A GERMAN, & COMMUNIST

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You think YOU are using HIM. He thinks HE is using YOU & the insight & information you [illegible] available to [illegible] Why not be wise & look back of plausible "fronts" for enemies ??

In your position YOU should be careful.

A Former Friend of Reuther's.

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Mr. Tracy

February 11, 1941.

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Lieutenant Colonel J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Colonel Hoover:

There is forwarded to you herewith a postal card received by the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War.

This card is forwarded for your information, and such action as you deem desirable.

Sincerely yours,

Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM,

Subject: Ludwig Wolff.

1. Additional information is available in this office pertaining to Ludwig Wolff mentioned in our report by Major Bolling dated May 10, 1940. Information is requested as to whether or not the records of Federal Bureau of Investigation show Ludwig Wolff as having served in the German Army or the German Merchant Marine.

2. Request the letter addressed to General Miles from Mr. Hoover, subject "Walter P. Reuther, that was furnished Mr. Rosen by Captain Crist on May 31, 1940 be returned to this office for file.

J. M. CHURCHILL,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief, C. I. D.

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1. DATE OF REQUEST: 2 Nov 1965

2. CONTROL OFFICE: ACofS for Comm Opns, USAINTC, P. O. Box 374, Ft Holabird, Md. 21219

3. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - ALIAS(ES) - NICKNAMES - CHANGED NAME: REUTHER, Walter P. USAINTC

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.:

5. DAY, MONTH, YEAR OF BIRTH: 1 Sep 1907

6. PLACE OF BIRTH: Wheeling, W. Va.

7. SERVICE NUMBER:

8. RELATIVE'S NAME	9. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	10. PRESENT ADDRESS	11. CITIZENSHIP
a. FATHER			
b. MOTHER (maiden name)			
c. SPOUSE (maiden name)			

12. RESIDENCES (List all from 16th birthday or during last 15 years, whichever is shorter)

a. FROM	b. TO	c. NUMBER AND STREET	d. CITY	e. STATE
		8000 East Jefferson St. Detroit, Michigan		

13. EMPLOYMENT (List all from 16th birthday or during last 15 years, whichever is shorter)

a. FROM	b. TO	c. EMPLOYER	d. PLACE
		President International Union, United Automobile Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (AFL-CIO) Solidarity House	

14. LAST CIVILIAN SCHOOL

a. FROM	b. TO	c. NAME	d. PLACE

YES	NO	15. ITEM ("Yes" answers are expanded in Remarks)
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		e. FORMER US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT OR MILITARY SERVICE?
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16. REMARKS (If additional space is needed, continue on plain paper) **HD Form 2.5 not included; request is submitted for proposed guest for the 1966 National Strategy Seminar at U. S. Army War College. Subsequent to favorable NAC and granting of Secret clearance, invitation will be issued.**

The following is being furnished in reply to your request for the results of any investigation conducted concerning the above subject, wherein information of a subversive nature was developed.

REFER TO DATE WALTER PHILIP REUTHER WHICH WAS SENT YOUR AGENCY ON 5-23-56 + 6-9-59

RESULTS OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED WILL BE FURNISHED YOUR AGENCY

17. AGENCY REMARKS

This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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November 12, 1954

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to the November 5, 1954, request of [redacted] of your Office for a check of FBI files concerning [redacted] Walter P. Reuther; [redacted] who were identified as presently being members of the Committee on Government Contracts.

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By letter dated November 12, 1954, you were advised of the results of our file checks concerning [redacted]

Attached is a summary memorandum reflecting the results of a review of our files concerning Walter P. Reuther. Our files are being reviewed concerning [redacted] and you will be furnished the results of that review upon completion.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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WALTER PHILIP REUTHER Summary

Walter Philip Reuther was born September 1, 1907, in Wheeling, West Virginia. He attended school through the 8th grade, and attended high school in Detroit, Michigan, reportedly graduating in 1930. He thereafter attended Wayne University until January, 1933. He was reported to have attended Brookwood Labor College, probably in 1932. In 1936, he attended a workers school at Saugatuck, Michigan, a school reported to be similar to Brookwood, and both described as Communist institutions. Interspersed throughout the years of his attendance in school, he was employed by the General Motors Company and Ford Motor Company in Detroit. Reuther established and became President of Local 174, United Automobile Workers, Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), in 1935. He has been connected in various positions with the International Union, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. He is now President of the CIO.

In March, 1936, Reuther married May (Mary) Wolf (Wolfe). She was reported to be a member of the Socialist Party and had, prior to her marriage, studied with the Proletarian Party educational classes, this Party differing from the American Communist Party primarily in that they felt the revolution in this country was still in the distance while the Communist Party believed that the period of revolution was at hand. She used her education to good advantage in assisting her husband in union activities.

Early Labor Activities:

Reuther became President of the United Automobile Workers, West Side Local 174, in 1935. He was reported at that time to have surrounded himself with trusted "radical" lieutenants, including his brothers, Roy and Victor Reuther. This union grew until it was the largest single local in the United Auto Workers with an excess of 30,000 members.

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Communist Party Activity:

A confidential informant reported in February, 1942, that the origin of the Labor's Non-Partisan League in Detroit preceded the formal organization of the League and advised that the real beginning of the League could be traced to a decision of the Executive Committee of the Communist International instructing all of its Communist Parties throughout the world to adopt a new approach. This source advised that the Labor's Non-Partisan League is an organization which was founded, promoted and controlled by the Communist Party with a sprinkling of so-called liberals who were used as a front to give the organization respectable coloring. This source advised that the groundwork for the local chapter of the organization in Detroit was laid in 1936 and that as the United Automobile Workers Union developed and grew the Communists maneuvered in the union in such manner as to make it appear that the union was really sponsoring an independent political movement. This source advised that a Political Action Committee of the United Automobile Workers Union, Detroit District Council, was set upon May 24, 1937. He stated that this council was laughingly referred to by almost everyone, including the United Automobile Workers Executive Board, as "Red Soviet." This source further advised that the Political Action Committee consisted of Alan Strachan, Socialist; Mort Furay; Albert Dinkfeldt, Communist; Fred Williams, alias Jack Wilson, Communist; P. Przbyla; William Marshall, Socialist; Walter Reuther, Communist stooge in the Socialist Party; Dave Brann; Samuel Fanroy, Communist. The source furnishing this information advised that the committee, like all other Communist-controlled

committees, was cleverly composed of a sufficient number of Communists and Socialists so as to assure absolute control of the policies of the committ

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It was reliably reported that on June 5, 1937, Walter Reuther addressed a demonstration at Baby Creek* sponsored by the Civil Rights Federation and the United Automobile Workers.

Reliable information received in July, 1942, indicated that the Civil Rights Federation had consistently followed the Communist Party line and had cooperated closely with other Communist front organizations.

In November, 1941, information was received that the name Walter Reuther appeared on a list entitled "List of Members of the Steering Committee, Civil Rights Federation."

The Michigan Civil Rights Federation has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It was reliably reported that Walter Reuther in 1937, (specific date not shown), circulated petitions for his own nomination in the primary elections as councilman for the City of Detroit. He was nominated on a non-partisan ballot and at that time publicly stated that "this is a victory for the people against the rich, the beginning of the destruction of the strangle hold of the economic Royalists on civil life. I say this as an auto worker, a union official, and as a member of the Socialist Party."

In a September, 1937, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, photographs of Walter, Roy, and Victor Reuther appeared under the following heading: "Three Militant Workers of the Unity Caucus Opposition."

*phc - possibly Battle Creek

John P. Frey, President of the Metal Trades Department of the A. F. of L. testified before the Dies Committee on August 13, 1938. During his testimony Mr. Frey furnished to the Committee a report dated September 1, 1937, at New York City, which report dealt with the Second Annual Convention of the United Automobile Workers of America. The above-mentioned report contains this statement:

"Before the United Automobile Workers Union Convention opened in Milwaukee, the Communist Party members held a faction meeting or caucus at Eagles Hall in that city. There were present at this caucus Wyndham Mortimer, Ed Hall, Walter Reuther and about ninety delegates to the Convention who were actual Communist Party members. Also present were William Weinstone, Michigan Secretary of the Communist Party; Jack Stachel of New York, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party; Morris Childs of Chicago, Illinois, Secretary of the Communist Party; Ned Sparks, District Organizer in Milwaukee of the Communist Party; Jack Johnstone of Chicago, a member of the Central Committee; B. K. Gebert and Louis Budenz, the latter a member of the editorial staff of the 'Daily Worker.'

"This Communist group decided they should make a fight to maintain the positions of the Vice Presidents, Mortimer and Hall, to place the five Vice Presidents of the United Auto Workers Union on a salary basis and to provide salaries for all members of the Executive Board. This would place twenty-four people on the payroll of the United Auto Workers Union. This Communist plan was carried out in the Convention but not without a fight."

Information has been received from a confidential source that on April 29, 1938, Walter P. Reuther spoke at a dance gathering sponsored by the Cadillac Unit of the Communist Party at Ferry Hall. At this time it is said he elaborated on how the strikers were mauled by the Detroit Police Department at the Federal Screw Company strike. He praised the heroism of Percy Keyes (Communist), injured in the fight.

It has been reported that the factional fight in the United Automobile Workers which had developed during the preceding year broke out anew in 1938 and that Reuther aligned himself with the Mortimer-Hall group in the final culmination of the trouble on January 20, 1938. When the union split into two definite factions, Reuther was one of the Board members suspended by Homer Martin. A confidential source has advised that about this time with the backing of his west side local Reuther began entertaining aspirations of becoming president of the United Automobile Workers. The source furnishing this information advised that this aspiration was evident in minutes of a very important meeting held by the National Committee of the Communist Party in Detroit on February 16, 1939. It is said that the importance of this meeting might be judged by the fact that twenty National Committeemen of the Communist Party were present.

In 1938 (date not shown) an informant advised that information was received by him which designated certain members of the UAW-CIO, Local 174, Detroit, Michigan, as either Communists, Revolutionary Socialists or active in Communist groups. According to the informant, Walter Reuther was one of the names mentioned.

In September, 1939, an informant advised that Walter Reuther, although probably not a member of the Communist Party, had been closely allied with the Communist cause. He spoke at several meetings of the Civil Rights Federation in 1937, and in that year addressed a meeting of the Renters and Consumers League, allegedly Communist dominated, agitating the rent strikes. According to the informant, Reuther, in April, 1938, spoke at a dance which was sponsored by the Cadillac Unit of the Communist Party at Detroit, Michigan.

A confidential informant in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reported concerning Reuther's possible appointment in 1940 as head of the Safety Device Board of the Department of Labor saying that Walter Reuther "is a Communist and that the Communists were trying to get into industrial plants for surveys and that this safety device angle was one of their means."

Information made available in January, 1941, indicated that Richard Frankensteen, Walter P. Reuther, and others, sat in conference in Atlantic City (date not given) and asked the Federal Government not to deport Harry Bridges (alleged Communist labor leader, west coast). The informant further stated that John Anderson, Communist candidate for Governor of Michigan who controlled an east side Detroit Tool and Dye Union, and Reuther hoped to regiment industry and take the control (management) away from ownership. The informant said that Reuther was putting on an act when he intended to be conservative.

In August, 1941, a confidential source advised that Walter and Victor Reuther (Walter from Detroit and Victor from Flint) have been Extent Party members. This source said they had both been to Russia and that the Party made them. He further advised that the Reuthers, about a year previous, halfway repudiated the Party and the understanding was that they did so feeling they could get along without the Party and that they could make still "bigger shots" of themselves by becoming antiradical and going along on the defense program. The informant stated that the opinion was that Walter Reuther thought that he could get the presidency at the Buffalo Convention by becoming an antiradical, hence his proposal to purge the "Red" element from the organization. The Party knew, the informant said, that it did not work out to put an actual Party member at the head of anything. According to the informant, it was too obvious and had too many kickbacks, hence their backing of anyone who served their purpose. The informant stated that Reuther was trying to prepare the way for himself to the presidency and, if successful, the Party felt that he would go all the way and actually purge them out. He further advised that Frankensteen and his group were wise that

a three-way split of the voting strength might let Reuther in and they couldn't take a chance, so it was arranged prior to the Convention that Frankensteen and his group would support Thomas (R. J. Thomas), who was all right with all factions, and in that way beat Reuther.

The informant further advised that on August 13, 1941, there was a hint that Reuther was beginning to see that he couldn't succeed to the presidency and would have to go along. The informant stated that Reuther was "salved" a little by being permitted to put over his resolution to purge the organization of "Reds." He stated that that would lead those not "in the know" to believe that Reuther and his organization were 100 per cent anti-radical, which could be used to advantage later and would serve to further confuse the issue by having a man who was a known Communist propose anti-Communist action. The informant reported that that was the way it worked out in Buffalo, except the anti-Red proposal was toned down to a stipulation that no known "Red" could hold office in the organization. The informant said regarding this that the resolution didn't mean anything because that was the policy of the Communist Party anyway.

A confidential source in Detroit, Michigan, reported in October, 1941, that the Communist Party had changed its opinion on Walter P. Reuther's defense program and that no attacks on Reuther were allowed by Communist Party members. He said that a realignment was in progress within the United Auto Workers and an attempt was being made to bring Reuther in line with Addes. This source advised that Reuther's defection from the Communist Party was mainly due to his wife, as she was a confirmed follower of Leon Trotsky's disciples. He said she still believed in a world revolution by conquest rather than by revolution only. Mrs. Reuther, the informant reported, strongly sympathized with the Communist doctrine until Trotsky and Stalin differed. Then she followed Trotsky's ideas and Walter P. Reuther followed Stalin, but gradually began to see things his wife's way. The informant advised that it appeared that Reuther's wife was beginning to see things his way and, therefore, the Communist Party was letting grass grow over the past feud.

On December 21, 1941, a confidential informant furnished the information that a meeting of trade union functionaries was held at 8:00 PM at 2924 Grand Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. He said the defense program was the main topic of discussion and that Pat Toohey, Communist leader, urged that the Communist Party intensify its drive for more production and the organization of defense committees in each local to compel corporations to utilize all machinery to its maximum capacity; to work out plans for air raid shelters for employees and for the release of Earl Browder from prison; to collect funds for a regular radio broadcast over WLW, and to intensify the Daily and Sunday Worker drives. The informant reported that Toohey at this meeting said that Walter Reuther was cooperating 100 per cent with the Communist Party on the general program.

On January 20, 1942, another source advised that the Communist Party had undertaken to establish Government control of private industry and capital to simplify its own revolutionary projects. In this connection, the informant pointed out that Walter P. Reuther, a known Communist, was then on an authorized inspection tour of defense industries and that in a press rep of January 14, Walter Reuther had proposed that the Federal Government pay a supplemental training wage to automobile workers during their unemployment resulting from the conversion from civilian to war production. This, the informant said, was further evidence of the insidious infiltration of the Communist Party into control of private capital by means of Governmental control.

A reliable informant advised in September, 1944, that he was present at a UAW-CIO Convention held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 10, 1944, at which time Nat Ganley, a leading Communist Trade Unionist, and Pat Toohey, who at that time was President of District Number Seven, Communist Party, were engaged in conversation regarding Walter Reuther. The informant said that Toohey had remarked that Reuther was a good man but that it was too bad he was going in the wrong direction. Toohey further stated that it was also regrettable that they could not keep Reuther in the Communist ranks when they had him there. The informant related that at this point Ganley and Toohey had an argument as to whether Walter Reuther had ever been a Communist Party member, Ganley stating that he had not been and Toohey insisting that Reuther at one time was a member-at-large of the Communist Party working within the Socialist Party.

Anti-Communist Activity:

Of late years, Reuther has indicated that he is anti-Communist. In fact, his break with Communist factions in labor started, apparently, in about 1939. An informant stated that he recalled that the split between the Reuther brothers and the Communist Party came in the Fall of 1939 or 1940 during the UAW-CIO Convention. It was predicated on the fact that Reuther wanted to run for the presidency of the State UAW-CIO and, after being promised the support of the Communist Party, he was double-crossed and they supported another candidate. There was an allegation that Reuther actually made a deal with the Communist Party at that time on the basis that Reuther would be supported by it for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. However, Reuther was not elected.

Louis F. Budenz, in his book "Men Without Faces," reported that in June of 1941, when Reuther was fighting the Communists who were trying to prolong the strike at the plant of the North American Aviation Company in California, William Z. Foster asserted that Reuther had "given

tried for membership in the Communist Party and was rejected on the grounds of his obvious opportunism." Budenz reported that he knew that Reuther had not made such an attempt because only a short time previously he himself had been sent to Detroit by the Politburo to try and persuade him (Reuther) to join the Red "top faction" in the UAW. Reuther had refused to do so.

The Convention of the UAW-CIO in August, 1941, passed a resolution barring Communists and Nazis from holding offices in the Union. This resolution was allegedly sponsored by Walter Reuther.

The Communist Party has consistently attacked Reuther since shortly after 1941. For instance, in July, 1946, an informant stated that at a meeting of club chairmen of various Communist Party clubs in Buffalo it was pointed out that the election of Reuther as the President of the UAW had set back organized labor many years and his election was a failure on the part of the Communist Party.

Walter Reuther published an article in "Collier's" magazine, February 28, 1948, entitled "How to Beat the Communists." He attacked in this article liberals "who succumb to the united front lure." He stated "no sober public examination of their unadorned doctrine and purpose can fail to reveal them as frauds."

In May, 1951, at a Communist Party training class in New York City, the speaker stated that the Communist Party had made a mistake in concentrating on labor leaders such as Walter Reuther, among others, with the idea in mind that the Communist Party could mend over those leaders. It was stated that these big labor leaders "are 100 per cent in support of President Truman's war policy."

The Communist Party line has reflected in its publications that Walter Reuther was one of the worse "red baiters" in the labor movement.

(Sources for the information contained in this memo are set out on the original memo. (61-9556-190))

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 12, 1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER, ET AL
WHITE HOUSE NAME CHECK REQUESTS

On November 5, 1954, [redacted] of the White House requested a review of our files concerning Walter P. Reuther, [redacted] all of whom were identified as being members of the Committee on Government Contracts.

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By letter dated November 12, 1954, the White House was furnished the results of our file checks concerning [redacted] Our files are presently being reviewed concerning [redacted]

On June 3, 1953, a summary memorandum concerning Reuther was furnished to the Attorney General. Copies of that memorandum were furnished to Harold Stassen, Foreign Operations Administration (FOA) on June 3, 1953; [redacted] In the review of our files concerning the current White House request, the files were reviewed from June, 1953, to the present, and no new pertinent data was noted. The attached memorandum concerning Reuther which is being forwarded to the White House, is the same memorandum which was furnished to the Attorney General, FOA [redacted]

Referred to Another Gov't Agency for consultation

The Director on February 27, 1953, briefed the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Labor, and General Cutler of the White House Staff concerning Reuther.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter to the White House be approved.

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'Sowing Doubt'

To the Editor: Walter Reuther registers as a Democrat, but he has talked and practiced the philosophy of Socialism his entire public life. I heard him speak in Eugene to our students and many of us were shocked as he depicted the chaos in our United States, aimed to destroy our free enterprise system.

Now to sow more doubt and fear he has plucked a few words from a speech of a fine American to gain public notice and stir up prejudice.

MRS. C. PHETTEPLACE,
2086 Potter street, Eugene.

Oregon

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/s/ [redacted]

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November 9, 1954

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Your letter dated November 1, 1954, has been received and the motives which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated.

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In the event you receive additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Portland Office located at 403 U. S. Court House Building, Portland 5, Oregon.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, PORTLAND:

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The correspondent enclosed a newspaper clipping from "The Orgonian" which consists of a letter to the editor stating in substance that Walter Reuther is a Socialist.

For your information, Walter Reuther is well-known in the labor field as the President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and has not been the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau. (61-9556)

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 17, 1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER

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In connection with a request from the White House for a [redacted] name check on Walter Reuther, you advised that the Director wanted to know why the memorandum prepared had glossed over the material concerning Walter Reuther's letter from Russia to friends in the United States in 1934, and what was said in the first write-up. The following is submitted for your information:

When preparing the first draft of the memorandum on Reuther for the White House, there was no intention of treating lightly the information in Reuther's letter and as a matter of fact, in order to call attention to this phase of Reuther's early life a specific heading, "Trip to Russia" was used. Under this heading it was pointed out that J. B. Matthews, a former fellow traveler of the Communist Party, in testimony before the Dies Committee said that he was with Walter and Victor Reuther the night they sailed for Russia, had contact with them while they were in Russia and subsequent to their return, and described their ideology as Communist. It was also shown that it appeared that Walter Reuther was absent from the United States and visiting in Russia and Asia from 1933-1935; that reliable information indicated that Walter and Victor Reuther both went to work in the Soviet Union in automobile factories; that they engaged in a study of agitation propaganda and took courses under the auspices of the Soviet Union, and that Walter Reuther allegedly advised the Soviet authorities relative to the United States labor conditions.

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It is noted that when rewriting the memorandum for the White House greater detail was included concerning the Reuther letter in order to place greater emphasis on it. It is regretted that this was not done originally in this matter since emphasis on the letter was desired.

ACTION:

For your information.

I think this was important and should have been included in detail ← most certainly

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Trip to Russia:

J. B. Matthews, a former fellow traveler of the Communist Party, and at one time employed by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities (Dies Committee) testified before that Committee in August, 1938, as follows:

> "I had personal contact with all three of the Reuther brothers who have been prominent in the Automobile Workers Union - Walter, Victor and Roy.
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> "The night that Walter and Victor Reuther sailed for Russia many years ago I had dinner with them and saw them off and had some contact with them while they were in Russia and subsequent to their return.
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> "I do not know what their exact political connection are at the present time. I only know that their ideology, if I may be permitted to use the word here, is Communist."

In February, 1933, a passport was issued to Walter P. Reuther. This passport was renewed in Moscow, Russia, in August, 1934. He was reported to have been absent from the United States visiting in Russia and Asia from 1933 to 1935. Reliable information has indicated that Walter and Victor Reuther both went to work in the Soviet Union in automobile factories. They were also reported to have engaged in a study of agitation propaganda and took courses allegedly given under the auspices of the Soviet Union. Walter Reuther was reported to have advised the Soviet authorities relative to labor conditions in the United States. Information was received from several sources that while the Reuthers were working in factories in Russia, they wrote a letter to Melvin Bishop and his wife, which reflected their admiration for conditions in the Soviet Union. This letter which was dated January 20, 1934, referred to Russia as the "workers' fatherland." It also stated that their daily inspiration was working side by side with their Russian comrades in "our" factory, and the thought that they were helping to build a society which would forever end the exploitation of man by man. It also stated "Mel, you know Val and I were always strong for the Soviet Union. You know we were always ready to defend it against the lies of the reactionaries. They also stated in this letter that they were witnessing the most backward nation in the world being rapidly transformed into the most modern and scientific, and that they were watching daily Socialism being taken down from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. The letter concluded with the phrase, "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America." It was signed "Vic, and Val.

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Following his return to the United States, Walter Reuther engaged in a speaking tour under the auspices of the American Friends of the Soviet Union and appeared in various cities throughout the United States. A news article dated February 21, 1936, in the "Summit County Labor News," Akron, Ohio, stated "".....as part of an extended speaking tour, Reuther is appearing here under the auspices of the Akron branch of the American Friends of the Soviet Union and the Socialist Party." One informant commented concerning a Reuther lecture that he extolled the virtues of the Soviet Union and gave the impression that it was "Heaven in Russia."

At a lecture in Flint, Michigan, in 1936, sponsored by the Young People's Socialist League, Reuther was asked the question, "Do you and the Soviet Union believe in religion and God or in the sciences as a religion?" to which Reuther answered, "We do not believe in God, but that man is God."

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December 15, 1954

WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
Born: September 1, 1907
Wheeling, West Virginia

In response to your name check request, submitted to this Bureau through liaison, there is attached hereto one copy of an investigative report concerning Walter Phillip Reuther, dated January 31, 1946, at Detroit, Michigan. (61-9556) b7

The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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To Col. [redacted] 12/15/54 [redacted]

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b7c Note: G-2, Department of the Army, has advised SA [redacted] of the Liaison Section, that Reuther is one of a group of individuals who may be invited to attend an Army War College Seminar at which classified data will be discussed. G-2 requested that the results of the name check requests on these individuals be made available to them by December, 15, 1954, and stated that in view of the prominence of the individuals involved and the short time available in which to complete the requests they desired only to be advised whether or not this Bureau has conducted investigation of those persons. Inasmuch as the G-2 request was for results of security or applicant type investigations, indices search and file review was confined to files of those categories.

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Date: December 15, 1954

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico (64-0)

Subject: VISIT OF WALTER REUTHER TO MEXICO CITY
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. WALTER REUTHER and an accompanying group of CIO officials were in Mexico City on a brief visit extending over the days December 11 through 13, 1954. It is understood by the Legal Attache that this CIO group visited Mexico City after a CIO convention in California in direct response to an invitation issued by FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, Secretary General of the CTM (Confederacion de Trabajadores Mexicanos - Confederation of Mexican Workers). The CTM has for years been Mexico's most powerful national labor union and, although in the past it has undoubtedly been Communist-penetrated and influenced, its present position is anti-Communist. The personal opinion of the Legal Attache is that this anti-Communism is largely opportunistic.

The Legal Attache had no reason to be in contact with these CIO officials except on one social occasion. The official liaison representative from the Embassy was [redacted] the Labor Attache. 67c

On Sunday, December 12, 1954, according to Mexico City newspapers, Mr. REUTHER held a press conference in the Del Prado Hotel, Mexico City, at which time he made certain vehement points which might be construed as contrary to the foreign policy of the United States, as manifested and executed through the official agencies of the U. S. Government. For instance, he allegedly stated to the press that at the recent international conference at Rio de Janeiro the U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, GEORGE M. HUMPHREY, "acted more like a banker than a good neighbor". REUTHER also allegedly at this press conference attacked the international agreement for the contracting of Mexican itinerant farm laborers, criticizing it because it does not provide for criminal charges against American employers who discriminate against Mexican labor.

On the evening of December 13th U. S. Ambassador FRANCIS WHITE held a reception for Mr. REUTHER and his CIO group

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On the part of the Embassy a relatively few officers and wives were present and the guests were the CIO group with a rather substantial number of Mexican labor leaders who are officials of the CTM.

The Legal Attache met Mr. REUTHER but did not exchange words with him. The Legal Attache was aware of the smoldering feeling of resentment on the part of some of the Embassy officials that REUTHER should have made the statements hereinbefore noted to the Mexican press. The Legal Attache did speak with some members of the CIO group and noted that they all expressed strong opinions for solidarity between the United States and Latin America with emphasis upon solidarity of labor. Although certain merit could be seen in some of the statements made, it was also apparent that groups such as this could provide material for Communists and other anti-American groups.

At the reception the Legal Attache noted that REUTHER was particularly interested in the wages being paid to Mexican automobile workers at the principal plants in Mexico City, such as that of General Motors, Ford and the independents. One of the CIO officials mentioned that REUTHER was going into that matter very energetically and was most critical of the wage scale.

The Legal Attache, of course, refrained from comment on any contraversial matters. Actually, it is felt that the American assembly plants offer better wages and working conditions than most other large Mexican plants. That is not germane to this communication except the indication it gives that REUTHER may be preparing to embark on a more energetic program of wooing support in Mexico.

Since this visit of the CIO group has been somewhat unusual in the annals of Mexican labor history, it is being reported as of general interest to the Bureau. Indications as of the moment are that REUTHER has been received very enthusiastically by Mexican labor pertaining to the CTM and also by the Mexican press.

From Post-Hall Syndicate, Inc.
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INSIDE LABOR

By Victor Riesel

Walter Reuther is playing for bigger stakes than you think. And he can't lose — even if he fails to win the Guaranteed Annual Wage in a showdown fight on the picketlines.

True, the Guaranteed Annual Wage — payment by the year instead of the day or week — is the "red-head's" primary target. But he has a secondary one he plans to hit, and hit it he will, with the aid, no less, of the big auto companies. The same companies against whom he now is lining up his manpower and filling up a $25,000,000 strike fund chest.

Reuther's secondary target is tied directly to the Guaranteed Annual Wage. That target is the increasing of unemployment insurance payments to workers by the states. He wants to jack up these payments — and lengthen the number of weeks during which they are paid — not only to jobless auto workers but to all types of workers, unionized or not.

Many states now pay the jobless roughly a third of their usual wage — for 16 to 24 weeks.

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What Reuther, in effect, is saying to the big auto companies — and all other mass industries — is that it will be to their advantage to get the states to pay higher unemployment compensation for a greater number of weeks.

If a state, for example, would pay 52 weeks worth of unemployment relief at a wage equal to what the jobless worker received before he was fired or laid off, there would be no need for a Guaranteed Annual Wage. The state would be guaranteeing "continuity of income."

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Since that, for this moment in history, is of course a realistic (but not an unthought-of project), Reuther's plan in essence is to have the auto companies pay the difference between what the state gives a jobless worker and what the unemployed man would get if he worked the year round at his average wage.

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In other words, the higher the unemployment insurance and the longer it is paid by the state, the less the auto companies -- and eventually the steel corporations and the rest of heavy industry -- would have to pay in guaranteed annual wages.

Reuther's people have been making this point and backing themselves up by citing the old fight by the unions for company-paid old-age pensions.

At first the big steel companies fought the steel union's drive for such private old-age pensions. Then the Union signed a pact in 1949 which, in effect, said that the steelmakers would pay the difference between Federal Old Age Social Security payments from the government -- and a stipulated amount, let's say $100 a month.

Thus, if the government paid a retired steel worker $50 a month, the company would have to throw in another $50 monthly. If the government raised its payments to $65, then the company liability would be only $35. Soon enough, virtually all of industry and labor were in a united front fighting for higher Federal Social Security payments.

Even a $5-a-month increase in Federal Old Age pension payments can mean a saving of millions annually by the companies. For example, the Auto Union, led by Walter Reuther, has a pension agreement with the Ford Co. This now covers 10,000 retired Ford workers. These pensioners receive an average of $45 a month from Ford in addition to Federal Social Security checks.

If the Federal payments were just $10 more each month, the Ford Company would be paying $100,000 less a month, or $1,200,000 a year savings.

So, say the champions of the Guaranteed Annual Wage, it will be the same thing in the case of GAW if the states jack up unemployment insurance payments.

The companies, remembering what happened on the pension front, will undoubtedly join in a similar drive for heavier and longer unemployment insurance payments by the state.

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Since most of this money comes out of pooled funds paid into the state businessmen, all businessmen will then have to make increased payments, not those companies who sign for a Guaranteed Annual Wage. (In 1954, business $19,700,000,000 (billion) into jobless insurance funds). And all workers w then get higher payments.

The Auto Union and Walter Reuther will get the national prestige for a — even if they don't launch the Guaranteed Annual Wage in 1955.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 2, 1955

FROM: L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MORGENTHAU PAPERS

WALTER KOCHER

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has now completed their survey of the Morgenthau papers. They have some 300 documents yet to type up and they are very much excited over the whole affair. They are still in the planning stage and they contemplate having possibly a two-day hearing sometime in April or early May developing the Harry Dexter White monetary policies as applied to China, [redacted]

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He then told me that among the Morgenthau papers the staff had come across the Director's letter to Morgenthau dated May 23, 1940, transmitting a memorandum on Walter Reuther, that included the famous letter written from Russia, along with Morgenthau's acknowledgment of May 28, 1940. This letter was marked personal and confidential. I told Sourwine this was our top secret classification at that time and this document was still classified and could not be used.

Sourwine stated in due time when he had a chance to get through the documents he would send this down.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 8, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI

WALTER PHILIP REUTHER

Senator Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, by letter dated July 29, 1955, a copy of which is enclosed, requested a background investigation concerning the character, loyalty, and associations of Mr. Walter P. Reuther, who has been invited to serve on a special Panel on the Impact of the Peacetime Uses of Atomic Energy. I am also enclosing a copy of my reply to Senator Anderson transmitting a summary of our files pertaining to Walter P. Reuther together with a copy of the summary on Reuther for your information. As you will note, I informed the Senator that if he desires us to take further action we would appreciate hearing from him.

It was my thought that a summary of our files might suffice as I would be reluctant to initiate a full field investigation until after Senator Anderson has considered the attached summary in view of the widespread ramifications which any investigation of Walter P. Reuther would necessarily involve.

Enclosures (3)

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosures 3)
Deputy Attorney General
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen

Copy of
Enclosures - 1. Letter from Senator Anderson dated 7/29/55.
2. Summary on Walter P. Reuther.
3. Copy of reply to Senator Anderson from Director, 8/8/55.

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(7) Cover Memo Nichols to Tolson dated 8/5/55, LBN:ptm.

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August 8, 1955

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Clinton P. Anderson
Chairman
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29, 1955, requesting a background investigation pertaining to Mr. Walter P. Reuther, who has been invited to serve on a special Panel on the Impact of the Peacetime Uses of Atomic Energy.

In this connection, I am enclosing a summary of information in our files pertaining to Mr. Reuther since it was felt this might be of assistance to you. In the event you desire us to take further action after reading the attached summary, I wish you would let us know. Since I will not be in the city upon your return and if you desire to discuss the matter, I would suggest you contact one of my assistants, Mr. Louis B. Nichols, who will be glad to confer with you on this matter.

With best wishes and kind regards,

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - (2) Attorney General (under separate cover)
Deputy AG Rogers (under separate cover)
Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, AEC (under separate cover)
Mr. Beardman
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Enclosure
Cover memo Nichols to Tolson 8/5/55

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Note: This letter is being prepared in line with my discussion with the Director, 8/6/55, since Anderson is out of the country and will not return until 8/23/55. It was felt that by furnishing the Senator this summary the Bureau need not take further action unless requested to do so by Senator Anderson.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 23, 1955

FROM: MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
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By letter dated July 29, 1955, Senator Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman, Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, requested background investigation on Reuther as member of Joint Committee Panel. Bureau letter of 8-8-55 to Anderson enclosed summary on Reuther. No investigation conducted. Summary sent to AEC. My memorandum to you 9-28-55 reflected AEC officials before giving Reuther clearance wanted Bureau to make limited inquiry. It was recommended and the Director approved that limited inquiry not be conducted; however, if full background requested and complete questionnaire furnished, the Bureau would conduct investigation as required under Atomic Energy Act. AEC officials so advised.

My memorandum to you dated 11-17-55 indicated that Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the AEC intended to request the Bureau to conduct full background investigation on Reuther. Director stated "Better send memo to A.G. & Rogers as to what is in the wind. H."

Memorandum to the Attorney General with copy to Deputy Attorney General Rogers dated August 8, 1955, advised them of Senator Anderson's request. The Attorney General and Rogers were furnished copy of Senator Anderson's letter, Bureau reply to Senator Anderson on August 8, 1955, and a copy of the summary on Walter Reuther which was furnished to Senator Anderson and to Admiral Strauss.

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ACTION:

There is enclosed a memorandum to the Attorney General, copy for Deputy Attorney General Rogers, advising them of the current information received from Strauss.

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December 8, 1955

WALTER PHILIP REUTHER

WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
Born: September 1, 1907
Wheeling, West Virginia

Reference is made to your name check request concerning the above-captioned individual, requesting only copies of reports of any security-type investigations conducted by this Bureau. In response your are advised that no such investigation of the captioned individual has been conducted by the FBI. At the present time this Bureau is conducting an applicant-type investigation concerning the subject of your inquiry. Should you desire the results of this investigation you are requested to resubmit your name check request in 60 days.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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INSIDE LABOR

By Victor Riesel

Washington — That versatile young man Walter Reuther, who just the other day authored a piece on how wives can keep their husbands happy, has somehow found the time to devote himself to making the atom popular.

Having launched the era of concern over automation, Reuther has been quietly preparing to beat the drums for "atomation," a word I gladly lend-lease him. [redacted]

Reuther is not taking this lightly — nor should the rest of us. "Atomation" will have a sharper impact on jobs, careers, profits, wages and home furnishings, too, than "automation."

A report by a special hard-working government advisory committee on the peaceful uses of the atom will make this very clear on or about Jan. 31. There is one labor man on that committee — and he is, of course, Walter Reuther. The atom couldn't come upon us without Reuther being not far behind.

Reuther's training and daring made it inevitable that he would become the informed voice of all American labor on this advisory committee on the peaceful atom — and the labor spokesman on the permanent committee soon to be set up.

This inevitability was recognized by AFL-CIO president George Meany recently in the unreported conference with a government official who wanted labor to name the one man the White House could deal with when future atomic decisions are made.

The government was setting up an eight-man advisory committee. It left one spot open for labor. It dispatched the official to talk to Meany and Reuther. The government man said he wanted just one labor leader, not a staff worker, who would have the power to say yes or no and not have to go back for permission.

Meany said that man was Reuther.

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The advisory committee has been meeting. Last week it discussed atomic power in a session in Detroit. The members came into Washington over the week-end to prepar their final report. Reuther decided to turn in a one-man minority statement. He feels that the other committeemen have overlooked important industrial atomic threats to the safety and health of the millions of workers in THE industry of the future.

Helping Reuther on the minority report to sound the alarum are AFL-CIO legislative expert Andrew Biemiller and the Auto Workers' Union's Washington man, Don Montgomery.

Both the minority and majority reports must be carefully examined as we catapult into the atomic era, which will outstrip the automatic era fast enough.

The public doesn't see it yet, but the horn-rimmed-spectacled crowd deep in the union research rooms do. Within 10 years, routine jobs of today will be revolutionized by the atom and its thousand uses. The railroad unions, for example, are disturbed.

They realize that soon enough the Casey Jones of the future will be handling the throttle of a nuclear locomotive. So the Railroad Brotherhoods are calling the first joint atomic labor conference. This they've scheduled for Cleveland during the last week-end in January. They've invited other unions to come and discuss "atomation" much in the same frame of mind as they first went deeply into the possible effect of automation on their jobs and work.

There also is a special report, prepared by Jim Brownlow, head of the AFL-CIO Metal Trades Dept., on the number of plants now in atomic energy production, the union there and the number of workers.

The Butcher Workmens' Union is concerned too. The meatpacking industry may be changed more drastically than any other by atomation.

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Report is that atomically treated food can be preserved for years without refrigeration or special packing. This will affect production of all sorts of refrigerator cars and household freezers as well as even some retail stores.

Other industries will be affected too. Cigarettes, for example, are now wei before being rolled and are sorted by machines combining nuclear and electronic principles which guarantee that every cigarette has the same number of puffs to it.

That's why Reuther is taking time out to see that the era of "atomation" get the same going over as the era of automation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 2/15/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100- 0)

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER;
VICTOR REUTHER
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[redacted] telephoned the Los Angeles Office mentioning that she was working on a contest, "Know Your Country, Its Institutions, and Its Enemies", from the American Mercury Magazine. [redacted] one question was "What powerful CIO leader while on a pilgrimage to Soviet Russia in 1934 with his brother wrote home to friends in the United States 'Carry on a fight for Soviet America'?" [redacted] the answer to that question was WALTER REUTHER. [redacted] had an alleged copy of the entire letter [redacted]

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"Dear Mel and Glad"

"What you have written concerning the strikes and the general labor unrest in Detroit plus what we have learned from other sources of the rising discontent of the American workers makes us long for the moment to be back with you in the front lines of the strugle; however the daily inspiration that is ours as we work side by side with our Russian comrades in OUR factory, the thought that we are actually helping to build a society that will forever end the exploitation of man by man, the thought that what we are building will be for the benefit and enjoyment of the working class, not only of Russia but the entire world, is the compensation we receive for our temporary absence from the strugle in the U. S.

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"Now we have already experienced the thrill, the use of participating in general proletarian democracy, we are more than just sympathetic to OUR country (Russia). We are

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all ready to fight for it and its ideals. And why not? Here the workers through their militant leadership, the proletarian dictatorship, have not sold out to the owning class. Here are no bosses to drive fears into workers. Here the workers are not controlled. In OUR factory there are no pictures of Ford and Rockefeller, or Roosevelt or Mellon, no such parasites but rather you have pictures of Lenin greet the worker's eye on every side. Red banners with slogans 'Workers of the World Unite' are draped across the craneways. Little red flags fly from the tops of presses, drill presses, lathes and kellers and so forth. Such a sight you have never seen before.

"Mel once a fella has seen what is possible where workers gain power, he no longer fights for just an ideal, he fights for something which is real, something tangible. We are witnessing and experiencing great things in the USSR. We are daily watching Socialism being taken down from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. Who would not be inspired by such events?

"Carry on the fight for a Soviet America.

"Vic and Wal" REUTHER

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[redacted] WALTER REUTHER was about 27 years of age when he wrote the letter and that it was printed in the Congressional Record dated June 1, 1937.

In view of the dual caption an extra copy of this letter is being furnished the Bureau. WFO is being furnished a copy as it is possible that WALTER REUTHER now maintains his offices in Washington, D. C.. Two copies are being furnished the Detroit Office in view of the dual caption.

No further action with reference to the above is being taken by this office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI

WALTER REUTHER
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b7D [redacted] mich. referred to this office, 2/29/56, by AUSA ROBERT DeMASCIO.

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No investigation being conducted. This is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen

cc: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR [redacted]
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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

March 9, 1956

Director, FBI

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Our Detroit Office has advised [redacted] had been referred to that office on February 29, 1956, by the United States Attorney's Office.

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No further action in this matter is being taken unless specifically advised to the contrary by you.

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IMPORTANT

To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

This piece was in my local paper the other evening. One of our local ministers has invited Reuther to speak at a church convention.

It is almost unbelievable to me

I have a photostatic copy of the Congressional Record for January 16, 1941 where it gives much testimony of Reuther's past association with Communists & his unconstitutional activities

APPENDIX TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD
Thursday January 16, 1941
OF HON. EUGENE COX of Georgia in the House of Representatives

At first I was going to notify my local ministerial association of Reuther's Record, because the information is not commonly known.

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On second thought, I decided to ask you if you think I should. The war against Communism is like a game of checkers, and there might be a Communist cell operating right here in Fort Smith.

What is the wise course of action? YOUR JUDGMENT?

Sincerely,

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Times-Signal, March 15, 1956

Ohio Church Convention Set Here

Walter Reuther Invited to Speak

The 104th annual convention of the Disciples of Christ in Ohio will be held in Zanesville May 2-4 and Walter Reuther, Secy. treas. of the Auto Workers Union, has been invited to speak at the sessions which are expected to attract 4,000 persons.

Rev. E. C. Traylor, pastor of the First Church of Christ, who is serving as local chairman, said an invitation had been extended to both Reuther and to Dr. Charles Malik, representative from Lebanon to the United Nations, to be speakers at the four-day convention.

The sessions will be climaxed with a worship service Sunday morning, May 6, at Zanesville high school at which Dr. Edwin Bobbit of Middletown, president of the convention will be the speaker.

Reuther or Malik are scheduled to speak at the high school on Sunday afternoon when the convention closes.

Music for the afternoon session will be furnished by the Hiram College choir.

REV. E. C. TRAYLOR

The first formal session of the convention will open at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, May 3, at Grace Methodist church with Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard university at Washington, D. C., as the speaker. Ministers from all churches in this area have been invited to attend.

The convention will get under way at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with a session of the Ohio Christian Ministers Association at the First Church of Christ. Speakers there will be Rev. Russell Deitch of Toledo and Rev. Carl Belcher of Cincinnati.

At 5:30 o'clock that afternoon there will be a banquet at the church for the Ohio ministers' wives and at the same hour a banquet for the ministers will be held at Market Street Baptist church.

At the evening session at Grace church, the convention delegates will be welcomed by Mayor Sherman Johnson and there will be

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Plan for Church Convention Here

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music by a combined choir composed of members of all Zanesville churches. It will be directed by Robert Carr.

The Howard university president's address will follow.

On Friday morning, there will be a Study Breakfast at the First Church of Christ and at noon there will be a luncheon at the YWCA for members of the National Benevolent Association.

Speakers will be Dr. Franklin Minck of Akron, Mrs. Chloe Kelly of Cleveland and Dr. J. O. Hawley of Indianapolis.

There will be another convention session at Grace church at 8 o'clock that evening with a speaker to be announced.

Business sessions are scheduled for Saturday morning and at 5:30 that afternoon there will be a banquet at Grace church for more than 400 young people throughout the state who are expected to attend.

At the same hour Saturday there will be a men's banquet at Coburn Methodist church and at 8 p.m. Miss Helen Kenyon of New Haven, Conn. will be the speaker at a session at Grace church.

Plans for the convention will be furthered at a luncheon meeting at the Zane hotel Monday with Rev. Mr. Bobbit and Dr. Harold Monroe of Cleveland, convention secretary, attending.

Assisting Rev. Mr. Traylor in arrangements for the convention are the following chairmen:

Mrs. Roger Higgison, registration; Miss Alice Dick, church banquets; Mrs. Ruth Sandifer, local housing; A. J. Bollerer, local arrangements, and Charles Mitchell, local exhibits.

Reservations to house the delegates are being made with local hotels and tourist homes and with motels within a 20-mile radius of Zanesville.

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Your letter postmarked March [illegible], 1956, with enclosures, has been received.

Although I deeply appreciate the interest prompting your writing, it is not within the scope of my authority to advise you concerning the matter you mentioned. I do hope that you will appreciate my position in this regard.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Walter PHILIP Reuther was subject of an extensive investigation conducted by this Bureau for Atomic Energy Commission in December, 1955, and January, 1956. Bufile 110-421930 reflects that Reuther, past President of CIO and Vice-President of AFL-CIO, is an extremely controversial figure. Bufiles contain over two thousand references including numerous allegations that he is a Communist Party member, a member of the Socialist Workers' Party, etc. All allegations run down where original sources were available, and allegations not substantiated. Correspondent's second enclosure was an airmail, stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being utilized in reply.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: April 19, 1956

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FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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VICTOR RIESEL COLUMN

At exactly 9:33 a.m. last Friday, the door of the Sheraton-Blackstone's Suite 507-8-10 opened and two of the nation's shrewdest politicians faced each other. They were Walter Reuther, ex-President of the CIO, and Harry S. Truman, ex-President of the United States.

Reuther had asked for the appointment knowing well that there would be another newsworthy guest leaving just about that time -- a fellow by name of Adlai Stevenson. Truman, who never underestimates the power of a labor leader, cut into his terrific schedule to sit with Reuther for half an hour because the ex-President correctly reckon that Reuther -- thought not a delegate -- is the most influential labor man at the Democratic convention.

The Auto Union chief does not have to be a delegate. He has a bloc of some 30 delegates to the convention -- all members of the UAW. And they have been caucusing regularly with Reuther at the Palmer House and Blackstone Hotel.

The Michigan labor delegation is housed at the Palmer House but it's more than a fair guess that Reuther controls many of the non-labor delegates too -- for many of them were dropping in on Reuther's own suite at the Sheraton-Blackstone, not many floors from Mr. Truman's presidential suite.

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Reuther did not come by this political power easily. Everything was as carefully planned as a ninth-inning squeeze play in a tied-up World Series game.

For the past four years, Reuther has been building for this convention. Out of his union's special "Citizenship Fund" has come the money for the brightest and most painstaking precinct work since Boss Croker came a cropper. Reuther's people have worked at everything from flood relief to dispensing ice cold lemonade at country fairs.

You have to know something of the details of this work to understand why Walter Reuther could walk in on the most sought-after man right on the heels of Adlai Stevens just as the real convention tub-thumping began.

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At Michigan's 15 state fairs right now, the Auto Union people and their allies are handing guests yardsticks, shopping bags and political literature. Some 2,000,000 people will pass throughthe portals of these fair grounds.

Last year this sort of activity netted the Auto Union's political apparatus some 10,000 names. That many visitors to the fairs signed lists to receive labor's political literature.

Typical, too, is the political action by UAW in California. There the union loaned sound equipment and public address systems to their friends who were running in the recent Democratic primaries.

On the Saturday before these primaries, the union dispatched special teams to the headquarters of candidates it favored. These teams poured literature into the mails and streets.

Of course, there were donations of money and brains — all in support of state and local candidates. None for national offices. Thus, the Auto Union and its leader have built around Reuther a powerful political phalanx for which he feels he can speak at this convention, or any other gathering of the Democratic Party.

And speak he did. He told Mr. Truman that he wanted the toughest kind of pro-labor and civil rights platform. He said then, in the presidential suite, that the issues are more important than the candidates. This is what he has been telling his own colleagues as well in the AFL-CIO high command sessions.

He told them at their last meeting that labor ought to sit out the national elect if the unions don't get action from the Democratic Party and its candidates. George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO and Emil Rieve, head of the Textile Workers' Union, replied to him, in blunter terms than can be written here, that he could do what he wished but that they did not believe labor should sit out any campaign this year.

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Reuther is a big boy now — almost 50 years old — and has grown used to not being swerved from his time-table. So, although George Meany took one tactic, Reuther told Truman and others that he (Reuther) wanted the Supreme Court decision on non-segregation of schools specifically mentioned in the Democratic platform — even if the South bolts as a result.

In fact, Reuther would prefer it that way.

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TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: August 22, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: September 14, 1956

FROM : [redacted] (S) b1

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
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[redacted] (S)

The information is not of the nature necessitating any investigative action on the part of the Bureau. It is believed that the information may be of some interest to the Internal Security and Central Research Sections.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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b1 [redacted] (S)

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
b7C [redacted]
1 - Liaison Section
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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: September 17, 1956

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
SECURITY MATTER - C

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b1 [redacted] (S)

b1 [redacted] (S) We do not have a Security Matter case on Reuther. We recently, late 1955 and early 1956, investigated him as an Atomic Energy applicant. During that investigation our file review reflected numerous references alleging that Reuther was a communist or a socialist. Where original sources were available, all of these allegations were run down and not substantiated. He is a highly controversial figure.

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ACTION:

This is for your information.

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cc - Belmont
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TO : MR. E. P. ROACH

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SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
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ACTION:

The above information is being referred to the attention of the Internal Security Section and the Central Research Section.

Enclosure

[redacted] (S)

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Callan
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1 - Liaison Section
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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: September 17, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
SECURITY MATTER -

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Walter P. Reuther

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ACTION:

The above and enclosures are being referred to the attention of the Central Research Section, Subversive Control Section and Espionage Section for information purposes.

Enclosures

b1 [redacted] (S)

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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1 - Liaison Section
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October 29, 1956

Digest of Current Communist Activities

For almost 25 years, Walter Reuther has been inching his way toward national political power.

It is apparent that the election of the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket would be a long step forward toward the fulfillment of Walter Reuther's political ambitions.

If any single individual is an outstanding power in the national Democratic Party today, that individual is Walter Reuther.

There is ample evidence to support the belief that, with Adlai Stevenson in the White House, the President of the United States would be under the dominant influence of Walter Reuther.

Reuther's conception of labor unions is that they constitute, primarily, a vehicle of political power. This is, of course, a Marxist and Fabian socialist conception.

With Walter Reuther pulling the strings in Washington, the United States would take long strides toward a Fabian socialist economy.

The historic mission of socialism is to weaken the structure of a capitalist economy, to bring about a deterioration of national morale, and thus to make any country which adopts it an easier victim of Communist aggression.

In his rise to political power, Walter Reuther has never been hesitant to latch on to the Communist apparatus when it served his political ambitions. In the current political campaign, the Communists have latched on to the Reuther apparatus.

Throughout this election campaign, the Daily Worker, mouthpiece of the Communist Party, has featured approvingly the utterances and the program of Walter Reuther. The boss of the UAW, in turn, has been ready to accept the support, even if tacitly, of the Communists.

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The Daily Worker, of October 18th, says, in a 5-column headline across the top of its front page, "Reuther Backs H-Test Ban." In an address before the AFL-CIO Shipbuilders convention on October 17th, Reuther called for making the cessation of H-bomb tests the major issue of the present campaign. Reuther went on to say: "This situation of radiation is so serious that the AFL-CIO will call a nationa conference next February on the effects of radiation on workers in factories. That's what we are going to do about it."

The Communist Party, through a formal statement of its national Committee, has announced that it will not endorse any individual candidates in the current political campaign. This is a typical Communist subterfuge. The Communist Party press and pamphlets have been shouting loudly for the defeat of the "Cadillac Cabinet," which means nothing more than supporting the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket.

Furthermore, the Communist auxiliaries have been explicitly endorsing the Stevenson-Kefauver candidacy. On October 9th, the executive board of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers announced that it had unanimously voted to endorse Stevenson for President and Kefauver for Vice-President.

In the official publication of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Asbury Howard, the union's international vice-president and himself a Negro from Bessemer, Alabama, urged Negro voters to support the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket. Asbury Howar is a Communist and his union is one of the most completely Communist controlled in modern labor union history. The IUMMSW is a vital par of the Communist labor union apparatus.

Behind the scenes in the AFL-CIO, there is a bitter struggle fo power between Walter Reuther and George Meany. To date, Reuther is on the winning side of this feud for power.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 1/24/57

FROM : [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN McGOVERN'S OFFICE RE WALTER REUTHER

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At 11:25 A.M., while you were out of the office, I received a call from [redacted] in Congressman McGovern's Office (Dem.-South Dakota). [redacted] stated that they had received a letter from a constituent of the Congressman's requesting that if the Congressman checked with the FBI he would find out what a "no-good-bum" Walter Reuther is. b7C

[redacted] inquired as to whether or not the FBI could write him a letter stating that Reuther was of good reputation. I told [redacted] that that would be impossible as our files were confidential and suggested to him that he write the constituent and so advise her. b7C

[redacted] stated that he realized our files were confidential but since she had written so many letters to the Congressman's Office he thought that may be he could stop her from writing if he was able to send her a copy of a letter received from Mr. Hoover. b7C

[redacted] said he appreciated our position and would handle the matter in accordance with my suggestion. b7C

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Date: 2/26/57

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TO: Director, FBI (61-9556)

ATTN: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

FROM: SAC, Detroit (65-1200)

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WALTER REUTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re telephone call of Assistant Director A. ROSEN this date.

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/23/55, captioned WALTER PHILIP REUTHER (BU 116-421930), page 12, reflects that MAY WOLF REUTHER, wife of WALTER REUTHER, was born 10/6/10, Cincinnati, Ohio; employed as a school teacher in the Detroit school system from 5/27/29 to 8/50, when she voluntairly resigned; married to WALTER REUTHER 3/13/36.

Page 6 of this report reflects that FRANK and DORA WOLFMAN, 2947 Clements, Detroit, are the in-laws of WALTER REUTHER. A PSQ executed by WALTER REUTHER in 1955, reflects that FRANK and DORA WOLFMAN were born in Russia and are presently US citizens.

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Report of SA [redacted] Detroit dated 12/13/41 captioned Proletarian Party reflects that MAY WOLF was reported to be a member of the Socialist Party of the USA in 1941 and had attended Proletarian Party classes while still a member of the Socialist Party.

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In report of SA [redacted] Detroit, dated 7/14/43, captioned Socialist Party of the USA, [redacted]

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Mr. Rosen

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Detroit office through review of files is attempting to determine if [redacted] is related to WALTER REUTHER. Bureau will be advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~65-9556~~)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (65-1200)

WALTER REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

b7c [redacted]

Re telephone call of Assistant Director A. ROSEN and Detroit airtel to Director, both 2/26/57.

Review of Detroit files failed to reflect any information that [redacted] related to WALTER REUTHER or to his immediate family. [redacted]

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No further action contemplated at Detroit, UACB.

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Called by Mr Rosen 2/28/57 am to de mme

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Rosen

DATE: 2/28/57

FROM: [redacted] b7c

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SUBJECT: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE IMPROPER ACTIVITIES IN LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
RE: WALTER REUTHER

At 9:04 a.m., while you were out of the office, ASAC Hinze called from Detroit and referred to a conversation you had had with SAC Brown regarding any suggestions as to obtaining additional information on Walter Reuther. Hinze said that Brown had considered this matter and had the following suggestions to make.

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[redacted] /rh ADDENDUM [redacted] 2/28/57: I subsequently called Hinze and advised him to obtain the desired information [redacted] I particularly pointed out that we were interested in knowing specifically what information they had on [redacted]. I advised

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Memo [redacted] to Rosen

RE: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE IMPROPER ACTIVITIES
IN LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
RE: WALTER REUTHER

Hinze [redacted] was of interest to us and that we wanted a specific statement from him as to whether he was a relative of Walter Reuther's. Hinze advised me that they had transmitted an airtel to the Bureau last evening indicating [redacted] was not a relative of Reuther. [redacted] We will check the airtel from Detroit on this point. I advised Hinze we were interested in knowing all of Reuther's relatives as well as all of his wife's relatives, and that he was to coordinate obtaining this information and call me if he had any questions; that leads should be requested by telephone in the event inquiries were needed outside the office territory. It was pointed out that we had to keep our inquiries most discreet. [redacted] is aware of the incoming call from Hinze as well as my call and he will discuss the matter with Agent [redacted] who handled the investigation of Walter Reuther when it was conducted in connection with clearance in a "116" case. This is being done in order to double check information we already have concerning Reuther and his relatives.

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It is particularly noted that a review of the references in this Office on WALTER REUTHER [redacted] failed to reveal the identity of any brothers or sisters other than those which were referred to in the AEAA investigation of REUTHER referred to above.

No further action being contemplated in this matter until further instructions received from the Bureau.

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 27, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER

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[redacted] individuals in the UAW in the best position to furnish information on communists are [redacted] Sheldon Tapp and John Orr who presently is leader of the Communist Party faction in the UAW. It is, of course, not known whether Orr will furnish information but it is doubted that he will.

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[redacted]

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: March 19, 1957

FROM : [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER

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The Detroit Office determined [redacted] is not related to Walter Reuther. [redacted]

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A check was made in order to determine the relatives of Reuther and his wife to insure Reuther had no relatives deeply involved in communism.

During the Atomic Energy Act - Applicant (AEAA) investigation on Reuther completed in February, 1956, it was determined that Walter Reuther has one sister, Mrs. Eugene Ritchie, aged 33, Boston, Massachusetts. During the AEAA investigation, no unfavorable information was reported by the Boston Office concerning the Ritchies. Bufiles contain no references to a Eugene Ritchie of Boston, Massachusetts.

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1 - Mr. Nichols
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(CHAMBER)

SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER (R-ARIZ.) CHARGED THAT WALTER REUTHER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS AND AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT, IS "EXPLOITING THE LABOR MOVEMENT TO CREATE A MACHINE FOR PERSONAL POLITICAL POWER."

GOLDWATER TOLD THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT REUTHER "SPEAKS LOUDLY IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM" BUT USES GOON SQUADS, VIOLENCE AND THE UAW'S "ALMOST LIMITLESS" TREASURY TO IMPOSE "OUTRIGHT SOCIALISM" ON THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID REUTHER'S "CYNICAL PERVERSION" OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT "IS AN AFFRONT TO FREEDOM AND A CHALLENGE TO EVERY CITIZEN OF OUR NATION."

THE UAW LEADER, HE SAID, HAS "DONE MORE DAMAGE AND VIOLENCE TO FREEDOM" THAN "ALL THE PECULIAR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS" OF TEAMSTER BOSS DAVE BECK WHO HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE BEFORE THE SENATE RACKETS COMMITTEE.

THE SENATOR, A RACKETS COMMITTEE MEMBER, SAID REUTHER WOULD BE WISE TO "PONDER THE POSITION IN WHICH HE FINDS HIMSELF" BEFORE HE DESTROYS "THE VERY HOUSE FOR WHICH HE SPEAKS IN SUCH PASSIONAGE TERMS--THE HOUSE OF LABOR."

GOLDWATER TOLD THE DELEGATES THEY TOO LONG HAVE "NEGLECTED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY" TO DEFEND THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AGAINST SUCH ATTACKS BY "ALL-POWERFUL UNION BOSSES."

"WHILE YOU 'PUSSY FOOT' AND 'HIDE,'" HE SAID, "THERE ARE ORGANIZED GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE DETERMINED TO IMPOSE THEIR SOCIALIST VIEWS UPON THE MINDS OF AMERICA."

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Digest of Current Communist Activities

Walter Reuther has always had the capacity (and in recent years the organization) to get himself in the news in a big way.

In addition to the large volume of day-to-day news about him, there is a rapidly growing Reutheriana in current books. In his newest book just off the press (America's Next Twenty Years), Peter Drucker illustrates his point that American politics have undergone a revolutionary change during the past sixty years by a transition "from Mark Hanna to Walter Reuther."

Drucker's observation tells in a compact phrase what could be expanded into a thick volume.

In the ten years of his presidency of the United Automobile Workers, Walter Reuther has supervised the spending of more than two hundred million dollars of union funds ($200,000,000), much of which has been spent in the pursuit of political and ideological objectives.

Reuther's UAW balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1956, shows total "fund" disbursements of $28,521,425.16. Of this grand total, $17,253,969.11 came from the "general fund"; $9,312,097.41 from the "international strike fund"; $918,543.65 from the "citizenship fund"; $181,032.70 from the "fair practices and anti-discrimination fund"; $575,595.50 from the "education fund"; and $280,186.79 from the "recreation fund."

How much of Reuther's vast treasury has been paid out to politicians or for political purposes, only a voucher by voucher accounting would reveal. One thing is fairly certain: no committee of the United States Senate is going to conduct such a probe.

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Much of the current Reutheriana is a falsification of history. In his recent book entitled The Practice of Unionism, Jack Barbash writes: "Walter Reuther has always been a Communist bête noire." This is a glaring distortion of well-known history.

Walter Reuther was not a Communist bugbear when he and his brother Victor spent some 18 months in the Soviet Union. He was certainly not a Communist bugbear when they wrote their famous letter to the Melvin Bishops, ending with the admonition, "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America." He was not a Communist bugbear when he collaborated to the fullest with the Communist Party leaders in the force and violence of the sit-down strikes, and in the founding of the UAW.

But, putting aside the ancient history of Walter Reuther's pro-Communist writing and collaboration, anybody who has been reading the Communist press during the past year knows that Reuther is not a Communist bête noire at the present time.

The most important resolution adopted at the recent convention of the Communist Party was not the one which dealt with "independence." Of far greater significance was the resolution entitled "Social Democracy and the Communists." Disdaining to conceal their aims, as Marx and Engels put it in the Communist Manifesto more than a hundred years ago, this resolution named names, making it crystal clear that Dave Dubinsky, Walter Reuther, A. Philip Randolph, and the Americans for Democratic Action are the special objects of the Communists' present-day affections. "We strive for their cooperation, not liquidation," is the closing sentence of the resolution.

The key sentence of the resolution adopted by the Communist Party convention, cumbersome though it is with its long parentheses, must be understood as the revelation of the Communist Party's major strategy in the immediate future. It reads as follows: "To a degree the cooperation of labor reformists (trade union leaders who stand for capitalism and with no socialist background or traditions), social reformists (those labor leaders like Dubinsky, Reuther, Randolph, etc., who have a socialist background), and bourgeois reformists (liberal wing of the Democratic Party) in such organizations as Americans for Democratic Action is, in the absence of a mass Social Democratic Party in the U. S., and under the conditions prevailing in our country, performing the function of Social Democracy."

During the past year, Political Affairs, the most authoritative medium through which the Communist Party line of the moment is expounded, has the most fulsome praise for Walter Reuther's program. In the June, 1956, issue, in an article signed by Erik Bert, we read: "Despite all obstacles, however, since the Reuther proposals are intended to meet the issues of peace, prosperity and progress, they will undoubtedly tend to gather support in labor's ranks and thus influence the course of development in Congress."

What is Reuther's program, according to the writer in Political Affairs? Erik Bert's answer: "Reuther's two major points, taken together, provide for participation by the United States and the Soviet Union in a common effort to bring to the poverty-ridden peoples of the world the wherewithal for upgrading of their economies."

And how would Reuther attain this goal? The answer: "The United States should contribute two percent of its gross product each year (about $8 billion this year) for the next 25 years into a World Fund to provide economic and technical aid to less developed countries, whether aligned with the U. S. or not. The program would be administered through the United Nations and multi-lateral agencies. U. S. aid would be made available at once through existing multi-lateral agencies, pending UN action on the creation of the World Fund." On the heels of this unilateral action in donating $200 billion to a non-existent fund of the UN, what then? Answer; according to Walter Reuther: "The U. S. would request that the Soviet Union make a similar commitment of two percent of its gross national product for the same purpose."

This hearty concurrence of the Communist Party's Political Affairs in the program of Walter Reuther is an obvious bid for a new understanding between the Communists and the large following of the automobile workers' boss in the ranks of the Democratic Party.

If anything more were needed, it is supplied by an article in Political Affairs entitled "The '56 Elections," by Albert E. Blumberg, national legislative representative of the Communist Party who was recently convicted under the provisions of the Smith Act.

In Blumberg's article it was made clear that the present Communist objective is a political coalition which specifically includes the Communist Party, the New York Post, Americans for Democratic Action, and Walter Reuther's UAW.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 8, 1957

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

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SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
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According to an article appearing on page 1 of the Daily Worker, May 8, 1957, Walter Reuther, AFL-CIO Vice President, has urged all trade-unions to support the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on May 17, 1957.

You will recall from information set forth in the April 24 and May 1, 1957, issues of the Current Intelligence Analysis (Cinal) that the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom was organized by a group of noncommunist Negro leaders to promote the enactment of civil rights legislation during the current session of Congress. The communists are attempting to capitalize on this demonstration in an attempt to revitalize the Party through a successful campaign in support of this demonstration. As always, officials of the Communist Party have issued warnings to Party members that their participation must be concealed so there will be no ground for any charge that this march on Washington is communist dominated.

The Daily Worker now estimates that approximately 50,000 persons will arrive in Washington to participate in the demonstration.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (61-9556) DATE: July 10, 1957

FROM: SAC, Detroit (65-1200)

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Bulet, dated May 1, 1957, captioned Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee to Investigate the Administration, Operation, and Enforcement of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (EU 62-88217).

Congressional Info. Does not fall under provisions of the FOIA

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WALTER REUTHER is president of the United Automobile Workers - Congress of Industrial Organizations (UAW - CIO)

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Last Detroit report of WALTER REUTHER is dated January 31, 1946.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 24, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: JAMES R. HOFFA

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The attached letter from Victor and Walter Reuther was addressed to Melvin Bishop and his wife. Bishop in 1941 was International Organizer for the C.I.O.

This letter was circulated by George Addes, International Officer of the C.I.O., at a caucus held during the National Convention of the C.I.O. in Buffalo, New York, presumably held in 1941.

The letter was dated at Ahmosavos, Topkini (Russia), January 20, 1934.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 21, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the previous inquiry concerning this report by the Bureau, it is recommended that no additional investigation regarding it be made at this time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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DATE: September 14, 195

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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RECOMMENDATION:

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ENCLOSURE 61-9556-238

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: WALTER REUTHER
61-9556

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OBSERVATION:

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ACTION:

In view of the above observation, no dissemination of this information concerning Reuther is being made at this time.

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OBSERVATIONS:

There is no dissemination or other action necessary with respect to the case captioned "Communist Infiltration of the United Automobile, Aircraft or Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Internal Security - C," with respect to either [redacted] or the letter. This material has been examined by the Investigative Division and it is noted no action was deemed necessary by that Division with regard to the special inquiry investigation of Reuther which was supervised by the Investigative Division.

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It is felt, however, it might be desirable to have the Laboratory compare the handwriting [redacted] with other writing of Reuther to determine if it was actually written by him. [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Laboratory for handwriting examination in line with the above.

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3-13-58 JAV UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER File # G1-8556
VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER Lab. # D-273769
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Examination requested by: FBI, Detroit (65-1200) (100-4288) 2-27-58

Examination requested: Doc Date received: 3-7-58

Result of Examination: Examination by:

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated 1-20-34, to MELVIN BISHOP AND WIFE GLADYS from WALTER AND VICTOR REUTHER.

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This attached letter was written by Walter and Victor Reuther to Melvin Bishop and wife Gladys. Melvin is a brother to Merlin Bishop who is the Educational Director for C.I.O. The man referred to in the next to the last paragraph as "coach" is Roy Reuther.

Note the referance to C.C.C. and Y.P.S.L.--C.C.C. meaning Civil Conservation Corp., and Y.P.S.L. meaning Young People's Socialistic League.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Detroit (65-1200) (100-[illegible]) Date: March 14, 1958

Re: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 61-9556 - 840
Lab. No. D-273769 EL

Examination requested by: Detroit

Reference: Letter 2-26-58

Examination requested: Document

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Remarks:

The available known handwriting of WALTER REUTHER consists of signatures on his fingerprint cards, #FBI-1919660.

The available known handwriting of VICTOR REUTHER consists of signatures on his fingerprint cards, #FBI-1247324.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Detroit

Date: March 26, 1968
FBI File No. 61-9550
Lab. No. D-173769 EC

Re: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated 1-20-34, to MELVIN BISHOP and WIFE GLADYS from WALTER and VICTOR REUTHER.

Results of Examination:

The available known handwriting is not sufficiently adequate to permit a determination as to whether or not the handwriting on [redacted] Q1, was prepared by either WALTER PHILIP REUTHER or VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER. It is pointed out, however, that some similarities were noted with respect to the known handwriting of VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER. Additional known handwriting of this individual might be of assistance.

The typewritten letter, listed as also submitted, bears no handwriting.

Item Q1 and the typewritten letter are attached. Photocopies are retained.

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WALTER PHILIP REUTHER, #FBI-1919660

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(1955) Walter P. Reuther

VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER, #FBI-1247324

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(1954) Victor G Reuther

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Victor G. Reuther [redacted]

(1956) Victor G Reuther

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. A. H. Belmont

SECRET

DATE: February 27, 1958

FROM: Mr. B. R. Roach

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CLASSIFICATION ACTION

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER

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ACTION:

None. For your information.

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1 - Mr. Nease
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Liaison Section

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In addition, the enclosed letter is being forwarded to the Bureau for the reason that the so-called "Reuther letter" has in the past received considerable publicity and that the enclosed letter appears to be identical with that "Reuther letter."

Indices reflect nothing identifiable or pertinent regarding any individuals mentioned in this letter regarding the [redacted] and letter with the exception of [redacted]

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No further action by the Detroit Office is contemplated at this time regarding these matters, UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
VICTOR GEORGE REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

File # 61-9556 -240
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Examination requested by: FBI, Detroit (65-1200) (100-4288) 2-26-58

Examination requested: Doc

Date received: 3-7-58

Result of Examination:

Examination by 8/20 [redacted] b7C

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5. Return Q1 + the typed lt. Photocopies retained.

Specimens submitted for examination

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated 1-20-34, to MELVIN BISHOP AND WIFE GLADYS from WALTER AND VICTOR REUTHER.

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April 12/58

Mr. J Edgar Hoover
FBI, Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The one real blessing this country has is that you have been and are the head of the FBI.

It is too bad that the rest of the various government departments are not operated on the same efficency with people dedicated to the good of the country.

Are not people like Walter [redacted]ther and the tacktics he uses and the arrogance he assumes. Very much on what we might expect from communists.

Your expose of the plans of the communists, in your book, seem to be the pattern employed by Walter Reuther.

We are free ? to elect our representatives ? but what do we get when they get in office? You say the Russians confiscate every thing at one full sweep. Here our possessions are confiscated piece meal. a possessor of some property, the energetic and prosperous, the successful enterprises are bad gered and mallied and taxed and held up to ridicule to cater for the votes of the have nots who with the aid of petty politicians of both parties will drive enterprise out of existance. Is a slow death better than a quick one communistic style?

Dont the people whom you designate in your book, who would be wiped out under communism realize their danger?

Thank you Mr Hoover for your great efforts in the behalf of law abideing citizens.

What a great country we could be if we had more J Edgar Hoovers to guide our destinies.

May the Good Lord keep you with us a long long time.

Sincerely

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May 8, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Here's a compilation of material our local libary gave me on Walter Reuther's background that's rather startling

— and definitely should be in the hands of the congressmen for their education and knowledge of what we're up against in the labor field. I hope Mr. Eisenhower has this knowledge also.

There's no truth whatsoever in anyone who has ever been a Communist. With them a moral code is non-existent.

A thorough spreading out of Reuther's background to the population of the U.S.A. should prove helpful to our democratic way of life.

Like Mrs. R's interference with Harry Bridges' deportation she held up, makes you realize that education of influential people is vital in enabling them to make their decisions, which many times can be wrong because of only having half truths, and half knowledge of movements they sponsor.

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Sincerely,

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WALTER REUTHER'S BACKGROUND

Born in 1908 in Wheeling, West Virginia. His grandfather was a Bavarian Social Democrat, who immigrated to the U.S. in 1892. His father, a Union organizer and an ardent Socialist. Three of his four sons became CIO labor officials.

Reuther quit school at 16 to become an apprentice machinist - at Wheeling Steel (11¢ an hour). At 27 he went to Detroit and got a job at Briggs (85¢ an hour). Quit to get a tool and die job at Ford ($4.00 an hour).

Worked nights, so went to high school and Wayne University. Joined picket lines, organized soup kitchens, and left wing students clubs. Campaigned in 1932 for Norman Thomas.

Tried to organize Ford workers and was fired. W. Va.

Walter, and his brother, Victor, REUTHER in 1933 drew $900 cash from the bank and went to Europe for a bicycling tour. Ended up in Russia where he worked 16 months at the American Built Gorky Automobile Plant on the Volga River. Was supposed to teach Russian workers new tooling methods.

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In Congressional Record is a letter from him in which he praises the Communist regime in a letter ending it up with "Carry on the fight for Soviet America."

In 1928 the Communists plank added 25M limit on salaries. Reuther sponsored and pushed it in the CIO plank in 1942. In a radio debate September 1951 he suggested 10M should be the salary limit.

Sworn testimony 1930's Congressional Record identified him with the Communist party. Raised money for the Communist cause in Spain's revolution in 1937. His brother Victor, on a sound track, harangued the striking mobs with the Internationale, playing in the background. Avoided service in World War 11 - claimed to be a Communist, and campaigned against ROTC. Supported "Americans or Democratic Action" in recognition of Red China. Insists on his name being the front in all publicity and comes out constantly with new Reuther plans that he wants publicized. His main job was to wreck the Capitalistic system. In Cleveland meeting he stated "We're going back year after year and ask for more and more."

In 1936 after six months of organizing the UAW, he had signed up only 78 members of the CIO. Found a big Polish girl who previously had fainted on the assembly line - and hired her to faint again at a prearranged signal. Taught the workers how to turn off all the switches to stop the work. This in the Kelsey Hays Wheel Plant. Had 5,000 workers strike after the woman fainted and they stopped everything going with cries of "Strike", "Strike", "Strike" going around. He then made an arousing speech and with 48 hours had signed up 3500 members for his union and was in business.

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In 1937, he engineered the seizure of a key General Motors building at Flint. After 44 days strike the UAW had over 400 contracts lined up covering most of the motor car makers.

Pushed an anti-communist resolution through the UAW in 1941. Operated a special anti-communist school exposing their techniques later. In 1946 he took a line against a Communist Party.

He now has a body guard following him everywhere. Detroit papers are never permitted to mention his present address.

Always wanted production controlled by a joint counselling group of management, government, and labor to decide everything.

Reuther is the generalissimo of the sit down strikes in America. His present position rests entirely on his publicity he is constantly seeking and on acts of violence with which he originally collaborated.

He is not in the least against the use of illegal and violent methods to achieve his ends. He believes War Times Emergency Planning and Government Controls should be normal operations in peace time. His main job, he feels, is to wreck the Capitalist System.

Excerpts from Readers Digest, American Mercury, of several years back

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Your letter dated May 8, 1958, with its enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the motive which prompted your communication.

In the event you secure additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Cincinnati Office located at 225 U. S. Post Office and Court House Building, Cincinnati 1, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SACs DETROIT AND CINCINNATI

Enclosed for your information are a copy of correspondent's letter and a copy of its enclosure.

It appears that the information contained in the enclosure concerning Walter Reuther has been obtained from public sources and has been previously brought to

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Mr. W. H. Hobart

NOTE TO SACs, CONTINUED

the attention of the Bureau. The Detroit Office, however, should carefully review the enclosed material and its files on Reuther to be certain there is no pertinent derogatory information of a subversive nature which has not been previously investigated by the Bureau. In the event any such data is determined, the Detroit Office should, thereafter, be guided by current Bureau instructions concerning security investigations of individuals.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent furnished a compilation of information concerning Walter Reuther which the local library prepared for him allegedly from various magazines. Correspondent believes that if Walter Reuther's background was known to the people of this country, it would be helpful to our democratic way of life. He does not request any information or comments from the Bureau.

The enclosure concerning Reuther's background indicates that he supported the communists in the early 1930s and furnishes some information concerning his organization of the United Auto Workers. The subversive data concerning Reuther contained in this enclosure has previously been brought to the Bureau's attention. It is noted that Reuther was the subject of an extensive investigation conducted by the FBI for Atomic Energy Commission in 1955-1956. Numerous references in Bufiles include allegations he was a member of the CP and SWP. During the investigation, all allegations were run down and allegations were not substantiated.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: June 30, 1958

FROM : J. J. O'Connor

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
SM-C

Walter Philip Reuther
Walter P. Reuther

Attached is a memorandum prepared by the New York Office concerning captioned individual, which does not include any information obtained as the result of a file review at Seat of Government. The attached was transmitted by New York letter dated June 6, 1958, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Internal Security - C," the original of which is filed in Bufile 61-3176-257.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN UTILIZING THE INFORMATION IN THE ATTACHED AS INCLUDED THEREIN MAY BE INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY THAT FROM THE INDICES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES (HCUA), WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL. THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM, OR ANY REPRODUCTION THEREOF, SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that instant memorandum and its attachment be routed to the Records Branch:

☑ To be filed in case file of captioned individual.

☐ To have a new 100 main inactive file opened on captioned individual and for filing therein.

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WALTER REUTHER, Detroit, Michigan
Board of Directors
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People

Background information concerning WALTER REUTHER from Detroit letter to New York, 4/14/58, entitled, "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE".

The confidential informants which have been utilized in the preparation of the attached memorandum are:

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In reviewing the material contained in the files of the NYO concerning WALTER REUTHER, consideration has been given to the fact that Mr. REUTHER is a prominent individual. Accordingly, in the interest of conciseness, only representative information concerning his subversive activity has been included in the attached memorandum.

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The Bureau by various air-tels including those dated 12/7/55, 12/8/55 and 12/9/55, in a matter entitled "WALTER PHILIP REUTHER - EA - 100707, AEAA" provided considerable material to various field offices of the Bureau concerning allegations of Communist activity on the part of REUTHER. No leads have been set out to other offices in connection with the captioned matter to ascertain the results of their investigation in the previously mentioned AEAA case.

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Certain information appearing in the name check of the indices of the HCUA, attached, as respects organizations with which REUTHER's name has been connected is noted.

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Item #5 of the HCUA check reveals that the name WALTER P. REUTHER appears as a member of the General Executive Board, National Religion and Labor Foundations. It was noted that Mr. WALTER S. STEELE, National Republic, Chairman of the American Coalition Committee on National Security, representing various organizations, testified

before the Dies Committee on 8/17/38 and subsequent to his testimony, Mr. STEELE apparently submitted in evidence certain data concerning Communist front organizations. Including in this data was the following:

"In 1928, the National Religion and Labor Foundation was organized to propagandize the New Social Order (socialism and Communism) with the Catholic, non-Catholic and Hebrew churches. Its atheistic bulletin is styled 'Economic Justice', and its vileness is only equaled by publications of Soviet Russia. One issue of the bulletin carried an alleged likeness of Jesus Christ with the legend 'Wanted - for Sedition, Criminal Anarchy, Vagrancy, and Conspiring to Overthrow the Established Government'. There was additional blasphemous matter."

It is also noted that Item #16 of the HCUA check refers to the Professional League for Protection of Civil Rights. With respect to this organization, it is noted that WALTER S. STEELE, previously mentioned, in testifying before the Dies Committee on 8/16/38, listed same 640 national organizations which are affiliated and allied with, or are carrying on same phases of the Communist line in the United States or are cooperating in various ways with the movement as a whole.

Included in the list of organizations under the heading "'Defensive' and 'Legal Aid' Movements in the United States of America", there appears the name "Professional League for Civil Rights". It is noted that the HCUA cumulative index also refers to this organization as Professional League for the Protection of Civil Rights.

Because it was not felt that the characterizations for the National Religion and Labor Foundations and the Professional League for the Protection of Civil Rights, set forth above, were adquate for the purposes of the captioned matter, they have not been included in the attached memorandum.

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WALTER REUTHER, Detroit, Michigan
Board of Directors
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People

Walter Reuther is a white male, born September 1, 1907, at Wheeling, West Virginia. He presently resides at 3950 Ellamae, Route 2, Rochester, Michigan. Mr. Reuther is President of the United Automobile Workers Union (UAW), AFL-CIO, and also a Vice-President of the National AFL-CIO.

ZYGMUND DOBBS, 146 First Avenue, New York City, advised in the summer of 1941, and on January 12, 1956 that he had known Walter Reuther since 1936, and that his last direct contact with him was in 1939. Dobbs stated that Reuther belonged to an opposing faction in the UAW from the faction to which Dobbs belonged.

According to Dobbs, the Reuthers (Walter Reuther and his brothers, Roy and Victor) were associated with the left-wing or Leninist wing of the Socialist Party. This group followed the Communist line in that it advocated revolutionar overthrow of the capitalistic form of government in the United States.

Victor Reuther and Walter Reuther differed from the Communists in that they thought there should be a fraternal relationship with the Kremlin rather than direct control by Russia as was advocated by the Communists.

Mr. Dobbs, in 1941, stated that the Reuther brothers some times opposed the Communist Party (CP) because at that time they were more revolutionary than the CP itself and they considered the CP willing to make compromises within the union.

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a pamphlet, "A Challenge to the People of Michigan," and prepared by the Committee For a State FEPC, in connection with a convention to be held on October 26, 1946, in Masonic Temple, Detroit. According to this pamphlet, the Committee For a State FEPC was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of Michigan, 609 Hammond Building, Detroit. Walter Reuther was listed as one of the members of the Initiating Committee in this pamphlet.

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With respect to William Z. Foster mentioned below, the "Daily Worker" of June 4, 1957, page 2, column one, announced that William Z. Foster was elected Chairman Emeritus of the CP, USA at a meeting of the National Administrative Committee of the CP held May 22-23, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 17, 1941, page one, contains an article which was captioned, "Lessons of the Inglewood Strike" under the by-line of William Z. Foster which noted the following:

"Walter Reuther, a top official of the UAW-CIO, when he thought it personally advantageous to do so, eagerly sought the cooperation of the Communists."

"As for Mr. Reuther, he even tried for membership in the Communist Party, and was rejected on the grounds of his obvious opportunism (a judgment of him by our Party which has been fully borne out by subsequent events)."

Page 35 of the booklet, "Problems of Organized Labor Today" by William Z. Foster, published by the New Century Publishers, New York, in July, 1946, quotes Foster as follows:

"Among the worst Red baiters in the labor movement are socialist-democratic leaders like David Dubinsky and Walter Reuther.

On page 353 of the book entitled, "History of the Communist Party of the United States" by William Z. Foster, published by International Publishers in 1952, there appears the following statement:

"The conservative and incompetent President Thomas, with his persistent knifing of the left-progressive bloc, prepared the way for the rise of Walter Reuther to the presidency (of the UAW) several years later. In the 1936-1938 formative years of the auto union

"Reuther was a relatively minor figure. He had just returned from a year's visit to Soviet Russia, where, he said, he had been favorably impressed by what he saw of Socialism. For a while he even pretended to be a Communist. It was with the support of the Communists that he managed to locate a job in the shops and eventually become president of the West Side local in Detroit - his main base in his later successful fight for national leadership. Reuther's inordinate ambitions and crass opportunism, however, soon led him in directions other than communism."

The following excerpts are taken from the book entitled, "Men Without Faces", (the Communist Conspiracy in the United States), Chapter Eight, which is entitled, "Red Web in Labor", by Louis Francis Budenz, a self-admitted former Communist Party member and former editor of the "Daily Worker", published by Harper and Brothers, New York, New York, in 1948:

"If a union member or official refuses to have anything to do with the Communist fraction and divulges whatever Red offer has been made to him, the comrades immediately smear him without mercy. Scandalous rumors are circulated about his private life. If he is an official, demands are made that he be investigated. He is denounced as a Red-baiter, a labor spy, and a gangster. Sometimes the Reds even accuse him of being a Communist or of asking to be one.

"William Z. Foster once fired this last accusation at Walter Reuther. In June of 1941, when Reuther was fighting the Communists who were trying to prolong the strike at the plant of the North American Aviation Company in California, Foster asserted that Reuther had 'even tried for membership in the Communist party, and was rejected on the grounds of his obvious opportunism.'

"The charge was even published in an article in the 'Daily Worker'. I know Reuther made no such attempt, because only a short time before I had been sent out to Detroit by the Politburo to try to persuade him to join the Red 'top fraction' in the UAW. He flatly refused to do so. But what Foster was doing was provoking the recollection that Reuther had gone as a very young man to Soviet Russia, had worked in some of its auto factories, and originally, had not been hostile to the Soviet regime." (page 185)

Budenz, in his book, also stated that the Communist Party went so far as to offer Red support for the International Union presidency, (of the UAW), to two different leading auto workers who were not permanently allied with the Communists, and thus, managed to keep them welded together against Walter Reuther, "whom the Communists wanted politically liquidated at all costs." (page 188)

Budenz further states in his book that a small number of Communists kept the huge UAW union in constant turmoil and for all practical purposes, dominated it until they were finally defeated by WALTER REUTHER. (page 191)

JOHN P. FREY, President of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, (AF of L), testified before the Dies Committee on August 13, 1938. During his testimony, Mr. FREY furnished to the Committee a report dated September 1, 1937, at New York City, which report dealt with the Second Annual Convention of the UAWA. The above-mentioned report contains this statement:

"Before the United Automobile Workers Union Convention opened in Milwaukee, the Communist Party members held a faction meeting or caucus at Eagle's Hall in that city. There were present at this caucus Wyndham Mortimer, Ed Hall, Walter Reuther, and about ninety delegates to the convention who were actual Communist Party members. Also present were William Weinstone, Michigan Secretary of the Communist Party; Jack Stachel of

of New York, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party; Morris Childs of Chicago, Illinois, Secretary of the Communist Party; Ned Sparks, District Organizer in Milwaukee of the Communist Party; Jack Johnstone of Chicago, a member of the Central Committee; B.K. Gebert and Louis Budenz, the latter a member of the Editorial Staff of the 'Daily Worker'.

"This Communist group decided they should make a fight to maintain the positions of the Vice-Presidents, Mortimer and Hall, to place the five Vice-Presidents of the United Auto Workers Union on a salary basis; and to provide salaries for all members of the Executive Board. This would place 24 people on the payroll of the United Auto Workers Union. This Communist plan was carried out in the Convention, but not without a fight."

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The November 26, 1937, issue of the "New York Times" contains an article under the by-line of Louis Stark (datelined November 25, 1937, at Detroit, Michigan). The article, in part, is set forth:

"Reds in Union Urge New Type G.M. War

"Michigan Communists Appeal for Guerrilla Tactics in Form of Sporadic Sit-Downs

"A proposal that the United Automobile Workers of America should declare 'guerrilla warfare' on General Motors Corporation to win concessions that cannot otherwise be obtained has been made by those union leaders who are members, or adhere to the (Communist) 'party line' .....

"The proposed policy is to declare a series of strikes, lasting perhaps an hour to two, in strategic 'bottle neck' plants, the crippling of which would halt the assembly lines and conveyors in other plants .....

"The viewpoint of this group (the Unity group or the Communist Party adherents) was expressed in an article published in the organ of the West Side local, embracing 35,000 members, of which Walter Reuther is President ....."

The December 19, 1947, issue of the "New York Times" (Washington, D.C. dateline December 18, 1947) contained an article under the by-line of Louis Stark. This article is set forth in part:

"Walter Philip Reuther, in regard to the Progressive Citizens of American candidacy of Henry Wallace for President of the United States, stated 'the answer to him (Wallace) is no. We will not go along with the new fellow.

"I think Henry is a lost soul. He is a great disappointment to many decent people in America. People who are not sympathetic with democracy in America are influencing him. Communists perform the most complete

valet service in the world. They write your speeches, they do your thinking for you, they provide you with applause andthey inflate your ego as often as necessary.

"'I am afraid that's the trouble with Henry Wallace.'"

On November 30, 1948, the New York "Brooklyn Eagle" carried the following editorial which is set forth in part:

"Reuther Has Shown Unions How to Defeat Communists

"Something can be said for the defenders of the trade unions when they complain about the relative attention which is given to the good and bad elements in a labor movement. Too much publicity is attached to the unsavory actions of the few bad and too little note taken of the substantial, good and wholesome aspects of the many.

"A point in order on the subject relates to a young,progressive and extremely courageous union official. We refer to the president of the United Automobile Workers of America.

"This is the young man who has led the fight to throw the Communists out of the C.I.O. once and for all. Within the past two years he had shown his fellow unionists how to do that very thing by defeating the Stalinists at every turn in his own union -- one of the largest in the world."

Walter Reuther published an article in "Colliers" magazine of February 28, 1948, entitled "How to Beat the Communists". He attacked in this article liberals "who succumb to the united front lure". He stated, "No sober public examination of their unadorned doctrine and purpose can fail to reveal them as frauds".

During the course of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1949, Walter Reuther was interviewed on December 31, 1949.

During this interview, Reuther stated, "At the first Atlantic City Convention in March, 1946, (of the UAW-CIO), I was elected President but the Communist Party controlled the Executive Board and I had difficulty doing anything by reason of the fact that they controlled the Executive Board. However, in the Fall of 1949, I cleaned them out completely".

The "Detroit News", a daily newspaper of general circulation in Detroit on March 27, 1958, page 1, column 7, of the 5 Star Final edition, carried a article "Senators Get 20 Year Report" under the Washington dateline.

This artide states in part quoting Walter Reuther, "Unlike other unions, the UAW and I are not appearing in defense of a record of corruption or racketeering. We are appearing as part of a collective bargaining dispute and we are proud of our record for building an honest, clean and democratic union that has fought corruption and Communism."

WALTER REUTHER
A Member of the Board of Directors from Detroit, Michigan

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2. A record is given on one WALTER REUTHER in the 1948 report, Joint Legislative Fact - Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington State, page 14 (first report).

3. The "March of Labor," for April, 1952, page 11, gives a photograph of "right - winger" WALTER REUTHER.

4. The "New York Times," of January 24, 1947, page 20, contains a letter from one WALTER P. REUTHER which attacks capitalism.

5. A letterhead, dated May 9, 1947, reflects one WALTER P. REUTHER, member General Executive Board, National Religion and Labor Foundations.

6. One WALTER P. REUTHER is mentioned in the preface of a pamphlet entitled "Education Handbook for Local Union Committees," published by the Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, United -- CIO, Education Department -- Detroit.

7. One WALTER P. REUTHER, a member, organizing committee of a program, "To Secure These Rights," conference on the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, December 8, 1947, Detroit, by the Michigan Committee on Civil Rights

8. A letterhead of December 15, 1947, reflects one WALTER P. REUTHER as a member of the General Executive Board, National Religion and Labor Foundation.

9. A handbill, "All Out For Dearborn Iron Foundry Picnic and Benefit, August 12, 1951, Paris Park," reflects one WALTER P. REUTHER was invited to be a guest speaker for Local 600, UAW, CIO.

10. Page 116, of the testimony of JOHN P. FREY, President of the Metal Trades Department, of the American Federation of Labor, on August 13, 1938, Volume 1 of 1938 Hearings Before the House of Representatives identifies one WALTER P. REUTHER, Detroit, Michigan, as one of the leaders of the Automobile Workers Union.

Page 125, of the above-mentioned testimony, reflects that under a convention called by MEYER ADELMAN, District Director, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, was listed one WALTER REUTHER, Detroit, Michigan, as a leader of the Auto Workers Union.

Page 248 of this testimony reflects a newspaper clipping from the "New York Tribune," of March 22, 1937, entitled "Moscow Praises Reds for Aid in Auto Strike," which indicates that before the United Automobile Workers Union Convention opened in Milwaukee, the Communist Party members held a caucus at which was present one WALTER REUTHER.

Page 249, of above testimony, concerns the Second Annual Convention, United Automobile Workers of America, held at New York City on September 1, 1937, indicating one WALTER REUTHER was present.

Page 255, of above mentioned testimony, reflects an Automobile Workers Union publication known as "The Great Sit-Down Strike," prepared by WILLIAM WOLF WEKSTONE, a Communist Party member and that one WALTER REUTHER was also active with him.

11. Page 626 of the testimony of WALTER S. STEELE, on August 18, 1938, in connection with the above-mentioned Hearings indicated that among those sending greetings to the Second National Negro Congress, was one WALTER REUTHER, Communistic President of Local 174 of the United Auto Workers Association.

12. Page 1248, of the testimony of JOHN D. MC GILLIS, on October 11, 1938, of the above-mentioned Hearings, Volume II, indicates one WALTER REUTHER was examined by doctors, who were paid by the City of Detroit, REUTHER indicating he was unable to pay.

Pages 1286-1289 of the above-mentioned, testimony of Sergeant HARRY MIKULIAK, Detroit Police Department, on October 12, 1938, indicating the same as above, that REUTHER was unable to pay the doctor for T. B. tests.

Page 1495 of the above-mentioned Hearings concerns the testimony of CLYDE MORROW, Detroit, Michigan, on October 19, 1938, indicating one WALTER REUTHER as one of the three REUTHER boys, VICTOR REUTHER being a member of the Socialist Party.

13. Page 1532, of the testimony of RALPH KNOX, on October 19, 1938, before the above-mentioned Hearings, mention that one WALTER REUTHER led the strike at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel.

14. Page 1560 of the testimony of HARRY MIKULIAK, on October 20, 1938, before the above-mentioned Hearings mentions one WALTER REUTHER, President of Local 174, United Auto Workers, raised $522.67 in cash and $16 in pledges at a meeting of the Civil Rights Federation, on May 3, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan.

Page 1596 of the testimony mentioned above, reflects that one REUTHER and others would be on the job in a plant just a few days before a strike was called.

15. Page 1607 of the testimony of FRED W. FRAHM, Superintendent of Police, Detroit, Michigan, on October 20, 1938, in connection with the above-mentioned Hearings, reflects one REUTHER, who is described as not a communist but who associates with them, with a loudspeaker would tell the men that they will not let anyone enter or leave the plant except over their dead bodies.

Page 1626 of the above-mentioned testimony, reflects one WALTER REUTHER as a leader of plant strikes.

16. Page 1643 of the testimony of EDWIN H. HUGHES, Captain, Police Department, Flint, Michigan, on October 21, 1938, at the above-mentioned Hearin stated that ROY and VICTOR REUTHER were on hand for the strike at Flint, Michigan, in January, 1937, but that one WALTER REUTHER was not there

Page 1648, of the above-mentioned testimony concerns a letter written from Russia around 19 by VICTOR and WALTER REUTHER, which letter is i possession of the Committee.

Pages 1654 and 1655 of the above-mentioned Hear reflect that the Professional League for the Protection of Civil Rights was started in Flint Michigan, and was first brought to attention i lecture by WALTER REUTHER, on March 18, 1933, o his thirty-three months in Europe (mostly in Ru REUTHER was asked at this meeting if he believe religion and God or in science as a religion. answer was that he did not believe in God or i science as a religion.

Pages 1658 and 1659 of the above-mentioned tes reflects that one WALTER REUTHER was billed as main speaker at an organizational meeting on M 1938, to start a labor institute at Flint, Mic but WALTER REUTHER failed to appear so ROY REU made a speech.

Page 1661 of the above-mentioned testimony ref a letter to MELVIN BISHOP and his wife, GLADYS dated January 20, 1934, telling of the wonderful advancements being made in Russia as observed them. Letter is signed "VIC and WAL," which i VICTOR and WALTER REUTHER.

17. Page 1689 is the testimony of JOHN M. BARRINGE on October 21, 1938, before the above-mentione Hearings, and relates to the strikes in Flint, Michigan, and the fact that the REUTHER brothe played a very prominent part.

18. Page 2188 concerns testimony of J. B. MATTHEW on November 7, 1938, in connection with the al mentioned Hearings which mention that he had dinner with WALTER and VICTOR REUTHER the nigl before they sailed for Russia, and had some co with them while they were in Russia and subse to their return.

19. Page 2221 concerns testimony of ZYGMUND DOBRZYNSKI, on November 14, 1938, before the above-mentioned Hearings, in which he mentions the REUTHER brothers and the fact that they were not communists but members of the Socialist Party, and on certain policies they worked in conjunction with each other.

20. Page 2282 is regarding testimony of JOHN T. PACE on November 16, 1938, before the above-mentioned Hearings. When he was asked if he knew ROY, VICTOR or WALTER REUTHER, he replied no.

21. Page 2321 is regarding testimony of RICHARD EAGAR, Detroit, Michigan, on November 17, 1938, before the above-mentioned Hearings which mentioned that WALTER REUTHER, in Local 174, has some 30,000 members of which about 9,000 are with the Fernstedt Division.

On page 2333 regarding testimony of EAGAR on November 17, 1938, he names WALTER REUTHER as a Socialist or a radical Socialist or revolutionary Socialist.

22. On page 6491 of the testimony of JOSEPH CURRAN, President, National Maritime Union, on October 28, 1939, before the above-mentioned Hearings in Volume II, he was asked if he and BRIDGES met with FRANKENSTEIN or W. REUTHER and HUDSON. He replied he met with FRANKENSTEIN but that he did not know REUTHER.

23. On page 6742 of the testimony of WILLIAM C. MC CUISTION, on November 2, 1939, before the above-mentioned Hearings, he was asked if he knew W. REUTHER, to which he replied yes, that he is in Detroit with the United Automobile Workers.

24. Page 59 of House Report number 2 of Investigation of Un-American Activities and Propaganda, Report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, reflects testimony of Mrs. EAGAR that WALTER REUTHER was a Socialist or a radical Socialist or revolutionary Socialist.

25. Page 19 of Hearings Regarding Communism in the Labor Unions in the United States before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, the testimony of FLOYD D. LUCIA, on February 27, 1947, mentions he was a union official of the CIO but took no steps to have contact with one REUTHER.

On page 20 of the above-mentioned testimony, Mr. LUCIA states that there seemed to be a factional dispute between leaders of the CIO, THOMAS on one side, and REUTHER on the other.

26. Page 36 of the testimony of LEON E. VENNE, on February 27, 1947, in connection with the above-mentioned Hearings makes reference to WALTER P. REUTHER as President of the United Automobile Workers and expressed his attitude in the "Buffalo Courier-Express," on August 5, 1941, when he charged that the Allis-Chalmers local was "dominated by political racketeers of communist stripe." He described a local 248 election as "the worst kind of strong armed political racketeering."

On page 48 of the above-mentioned testimony Mr. VENNE stated that labor in order to make any of the gains that labor must make, must clean house. He mentions an example as the Allis-Chalmers situation where two men want the same job in the United Automobile Workers of America; namely, WALTER REUTHER and R. J. THOMAS.

27. On page 51-53 of the testimony of WALTER PETERSEN in connection with the above Hearing, PETERSEN says as an officer in the Independent Workers of Allis-Chalmers, he wrote to one WALTER REUTHER about ousting communists from the union, but received no reply from REUTHER. On December 8, 1946, they tried to contact REUTHER while he was in Milwaukee, but were unsuccessful.

28. Page 173 of "Communists Within The Labor Movement, The Facts and Countermeasures," reflects the statement that if non-communist leaders do not gain as much as their opponents, they may soon find themselves with an active communist opposition in their own union. WALTER REUTHER is given as an

illustration of this as he is considered a leader of the anti-communist bloc. Communist influences have persuaded the top leadership that REUTHER is a threat to their positions, as a result he faces an alternative; he must either be aggressive or retire in favor of some communist dupe.

29. Page 413 of testimony of Dr. WM. Y. ELLIOTT on February 20, 1948, at Hearings on Proposed Legislation to Curb or Control the Communist Party of the United States, reflects there are people in the trade unions such as REUTHER and others who have fought against communist infiltration into their organizations.

30. Page 437 of the testimony of Rabbi BENJAMIN SCHULTZ, at Hearings Regarding Communist Infiltration of Minority Group - Part I Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated July 13,14, and 18, 1949, reflects Exhibit 8 as a big headline in the "Freiheit" of June 22, 1949, "They are looking for the attackers of WALTER REUTHER, but they arrest only Negroes and Jews."

31. Page 2730 of testimony of RICHARD FRANKLIN O'HAIR, on communism in the Detroit Area - Part I Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, February 25, 29, 1952, reflects the mention of the name REUTHER as having taken over after THOMAS lost his presidency of the United Automobile Workers - Congress of Industrial Organizations.

32. Page 2838 of testimony of WAYNE B. SALISBURY, on February 27, 1952, in connection with the above-mentioned Hearings, reflects one NAT GANLEY, a member of local 155 of the UAW, was speaking at the Civil Rights Conference, September 12, 1943, in Detroit and stated that while one REUTHER and LEONARD were now in the "Win the War," camp, some of their policies were not so concrete.

Page 2847 of the above-mentioned testimony, reflects that at the Michigan State Convention of the Communist Party, on December 13 and 14, 1947, it was pointed out that one WALTER REUTHER, now in powe in the UAW, was causing a great deal of difficulty

for the communists, this difficulty being described as their inability to keep their current members and of recruiting new ones.

33. Page 2965 testimony of STANLEY K. NOWARK, on March 10, 1952, on Communism in the Detroit Area - Part II of Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, reflects he was asked if he was affiliated with any particular unit of the UAW and later on was affiliated with what is known as the West Side Local 174, of which WALTER REUTHER was the president.

34. Page 3046 of testimony of ELESIO (LEE) ROMANO, on March 11, 1952, in connection with the above-mentioned Hearing, mentions that one WALTER REUTHER at every party meeting was always crucified or vilified or character assassinated. He was the number one public enemy within the UAW - CIO for the Communist Party.

On page 3086 of the above-mentioned testimony, he mentions that the end of the communists or Communist Party influence in the CIO began at the UAW Convention in 1946, when WALTER P. REUTHER was elected president of the UAW - CIO. This started a chain reaction which ended up in the explosion of twelve unions.

35. Page 3137 testimony of SHELTON TAPPES, on March 12, 1952, in connection with the above-mentioned Hearing reflects he stated that he believes his president, WALTER P. REUTHER, has shown himself to be an enemy of communist ideology and fought very vigorously and hard to eliminate those who held offices or had certain influences within his union.

36. Page 9 of the House Report number 1661, Review of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, on February 17, 1952, reflects an article, "Minority Group in Methodist Church Lauds Red Policy," by FREDERICK WOLTMAN, "World - Telegram" Staff Writer, Kansas City, December 29, 19 , in which is mentioned Rev. KERMIT ERBY (EBY), CIO Research and Education Director, who praised WALTER REUTHER, UAW President and Chief for of the communists in the CIO.

37. Page 11 of the Annual Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities for the year 1952, prepared and released December 28, 1952, reflects that CARL STELLATO, President of Local 600 UAW - CIO, is reported to be using the communists to combat the attempt of the international president, WALTER REUTHER, to replace him as president.

38. Page 20 of the Report on the March of Labor, December 22, 1954, reflects the February -, 1953, issue of "March of Labor" attacked WALTER REUTHER as being a "classic example" of how "fancy" rebaiting leads to a surrender of militant union policies. It accused REUTHER of betraying the cause of labor on a number of occasions and concluded that " it is not hard to understand why REUTHER's economic theories are so frequently shot through with employer concepts."

39. Page 6 of the Colonization of America's Basic Industries by the Communist Party of the U. S. A., September 3, 1954, reflects a statement by HENRY WINSTON in his report to the 13th National Convention (CP ?) that the party issued tens of thousands of leaflets, stickers, and buttons, organized the extensive circulation of "The Worker," and through this means helped speedup an issue which reached the point of a strike led by local 600 against REUTHER's opposition. The party helped to strengthen its ties with the masses in a lasting way. These ties were notweakened as a result of REUTHER's sellout.

Page 8 of the above-mentioned testimony reflects under-Resolution on Concentration For Discussion at all Clubs, Sections, Commissions, and Departments the statement that, "we have seen the development of economic struggles, dramatized in the Ford strike against speedup, despite the stifling attempts of REUTHER."

Page 9 of the above-mentioned testimony, reflects under-For A Drastic Improvement in the Work Among General Motors Workers-mentions Flint, (Michigan) as the key to moving the General Motors Division of the UAW, the division which REUTHER heads, and therefore, the key to striking a powerful blow against Social Democracy. It mentions the greatest anti-REUTHER strength to be in Ford.

Page 11 of the above-mentioned testimony, reflects that "the role assigned to the ACTU (?), Trotskyites and especially the Social Democrats, is precisely to mislead and dull the fighting resistance of the workers. The betrayal by REUTHER of the recent Ford strike against speedup was the logical consequence of his unqualified support for the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and now the North Atlantic Military Alliance, steppin stones toward fascism and imperlistic war."

40. Page 3766 testimony of BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, at Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated July 21, 1953, reflects OXNAM exhibit number 37 which is an article, "How to Uncover Communists," as it appeared in "Parade," the Sunday picture magazine, of June 28, 1953, in which WALTER REUTHER is mentioned as one of the leaders of American labor that we must turn to in order to end the communist threat in the labor ranks.

41. Page 5633 of the Investigation of Communist Activities in the State of Michigan - Part IX, Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, on May 13, 1954, reflects in the testimony of HOWARD FOSTER a news release which mentions WALTER P. REUTHER, President, UAW - CIO.

Page 5634 of the above-mentioned Hearings, relates to a statement by Mr. REUTHER which concerns fighting communism in the UAW - CIO.

42. On page 5704 of the testimony of HERBERT H. DONNELLY, on May 14, 1954, Investigation of Communist Activities in the State of Michigan - Part X (Flint), Mr. DOYLE reads a statement by Mr. WALTER P. REUTHER, President of UAW - CIO, dated May 2, 1954, to the effect that protecting the good name of innocent people and there families, does not absolve the former communist from his patriotic duty as a citizen to testify fully of his first-hand knowledge of the names and activities of any Communist Party functions, etc., and says this applier to the witness being heard and further states that any employee or auto worker in the area that goes contrary to this declaration by Mr. REUTHER can well be scrutinized as possibly pretty closely identified with the communist conspiracy.

On page 5798 of the above-mentioned testimony, Mr. DONNELLY stated that this investigation that they had in Detroit was REUTHER's way of taking over, that he was behind it.

43. Page 6103 and 6104 of the testimony by BARBARA HARTLE, Investigation of Communist Activities in the Pacific Northwest Area - Part II (Seattle), concerns a news release by WALTER P. REUTHER, which Mr. DOYLE previously mentioned above.

44. Page 6273 of the testimony of EUGENE V. DENNETT, on June 14, 1954, Investigation of Communist Activities in the Pacific Northwest Area - Part IV (Seattle), refers again to the statement by WALTER REUTHER during the Flint Hearings.

45. Page 185 of the testimony of DAVID MATES, on April 25, 1955, Investigation of Communist Activities in the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Area, reflects that Mr. DOYLE again made reference to the WALTER REUTHER publication about cooperating with the committee.

46. Page 3175 , testimony of IRVING RICHTER, on February 15, 1956, Investigation of Communist Infiltration of Government - Part III, reflects RICHTER is asked if he had any knowledge or did he participate directly or indirectly in the shooting of WALTER REUTHER, to which he replied no.

47. Page 6580, testimony of ANZELM A. CZARNOWSKI, on December 4, 1956, Hearings on Communist Political Subversion, reflects in 1945, a strike was called at the Electromotive Division, and when the people began to grumble, GIL GREEN, who was formerly chairman of the Illinois Communist Party, instructed the Communist Party members to spread the word that REUTHER was to blame for the strike. They tried to get AL GLENN, a CP member appointed to the strike committee over the head of REUTHER, but did not succeed.

48. Page 6984 of the testimony of Miss MYRNA ANDERSON, on December 13, 1956, on Communist Political Subversion, refers again to the news release issued by WALTER P. REUTHER.

49. Page 1625, testimony of CHARLES V. REGAN, on October 2, 1957, concerning Investigation of Communist Activities in the Buffalo, New York, Area - Part I, reflects he mentions that Communist Party members were to get jobs in various plants and attempt to build up the Communist Party in the plants since there was a lot of animosity between the Communist Party and WALTER REUTHER.

50. Page 11 of the testimony of JOSEPH ANTHONY MARCUS, on June 26, 1957, at Hearings on International Communism (The Communist Trade Offensive), reflects he mentions that if Red China is recognized and seated in the United Nations, we might as well write off our foreign trade as a factor in our economy, and labor union leaders, like REUTHER, will have to think up something better than a four-day week for his members.

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American League Against War and Fascism

Civil Rights Congress and its affiliates

Michigan Civil Rights Federation

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

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"March of Labor

"1. '* * * this ostensible "labor" publication is nothing less than an instrument of the Communist Party' * * * and its 'propaganda in behalf of the Communist Party is aimed chiefly at building support for Communist leaders active in the trade-union field * * *.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the March of Labor, December 22, 1954, pp. 6 and 19.)"

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"Methodist Federation for Social Action

"1. 'With an eye to religious groups, the Communists have formed religious fronts such as the Methodist Federation for Social Action * * *.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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"Progressive Citizens of America

"1. Cited as a 'new and broader Communist front for the entire Unites States' formed in September 1946 at the direction of 'Communist steering committees' from the 'Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee' and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 369, and 1948, p. 354.)"

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1 — WALTER REUTHER

2 - 61-9556

3 - yes

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7 - YES - 1936-1947

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9 - NO.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-9556) DATE: July 9, 1958

FD217 to DE 7-1558 [redacted] b7c

FROM : SAC, Detroit (65-1200)

SUBJECT: WALTER P. REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ReBulet dated May 16, 1958, to [redacted] with inscribed note to SACs Detroit and Cincinnati.

Detroit files and material attached to referenced letter as furnished to the Detroit Office have been reviewed.

There is no pertinent derogatory information of a subversive nature which has not been previously investigated by FBI field offices.

No further action is being taken regarding this matter at this time, UACB.

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 14, 1958

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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By referral from the Director's Office SA [redacted] spoke with [redacted] who called at 6:06 p.m., July 14, 1958. [redacted] had information concerning Walter Reuther [redacted] claims wants to give him "a hard time and get him out of the way." [redacted] was presently staying at [redacted] and that he would be there for approximately two more weeks.

It was very difficult to understand [redacted] was asked to speak more loudly or clearly and he kept repeating that inasmuch as he was calling from a public telephone booth he could not say too much or speak too clearly. He kept insisting that he talk personally to the Director whom, at one point, he claimed to know personally. [redacted] stated that in view of the adverse conditions under which he was calling he would write a personal letter to the Director.

Bufiles fail to contain any information which can be identified with [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Crime Records Section for its information [redacted] corresponds with the Bureau.

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REC-16 61-9556-246

16 JUL 16 1958

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cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. M. A. Jones
cc - [redacted]

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67 JUL 21 1958

Office Memorandum — UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: THE DIRECTOR DATE: 8/7/58

FROM: A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: REPORTED THREATS AGAINST FORMER AMBASSADOR JOSEPH KENNEDY AND CHILDREN OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Information was received telephonically from the Washington Field Office (WFO) that a Bureau Agent, this morning, interviewed [redacted]

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When the above information was received, it was determined Robert Kennedy was then in the Caucus Room at the Senate in connection with the current hearings. Since he couldn't be reached on the phone, the facts were related to Kennedy's administrative assistant who said he would go to the Caucus Room and advise him. Kennedy called back at the conclusion of the morning session of the hearings and said he greatly appreciated our alerting him to this and that he had not been previously informed by [redacted] Kennedy said his father is presently travelling in France but that he would insure that his father was properly advised concerning this matter. b7c b7D

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-9556)

DATE: August 15, 1958

FROM: SAC, Detroit (65-1200)

SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[redacted] There was no other literature or communication with this letter; however, it contained the following notation at the top of the letter which was mimeographed on three sheets of paper: "Herewith one letter (COPIED FROM A PHOTOSTAT OF THE ORIGINAL in the files of the UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - DIES COMMITTEE, Volumes 1 through 2, 1938 - pages 1659 to 1661.) WRITTEN from Russia in 1934, by VICTOR AND WALTER REUTHER to Melvin Bishop (brother of Merlin Bishop, a CIO official in Conn.)"

It is to be noted that the letter, allegedly reproduced was the letter posted at Abmozazcof, Topkini, January 20, 1934, opening with the salutation "Dear Mel and Glad", closing with "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America" and signed "Vic. and Wal."

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[redacted] however, the Bureau is being advised of the above in the event that inquiries are received concerning the current circulation of the "Dear Mel and Glad" letter. It is to be noted that reproductions of this letter or comments about this letter have periodically appeared in recent years and the full contents are not being set out as this information has been previously furnished to the Bureau.

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November 21, 1958

REC-26 61-9556-249

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Your letter dated November 17, 1958, has been received.

In the event you obtain any additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Phoenix Office located at 102 United States Court House Building, Phoenix, Arizona.

I have noted your kind personal comments and it is most gratifying to know of your support. I hope that the work of the FBI will continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Phoenix (Enclosure)

NOTE FOR SAC, PHOENIX:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

(Note for SAC continued, page 2)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE 2.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (~~[illegible]~~6)
FD-217 to DE 7-24 pr

DATE: July 20, 1959

DSA FROM : SAC, Detroit (65-1200)

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SUBJECT: WALTER REUTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

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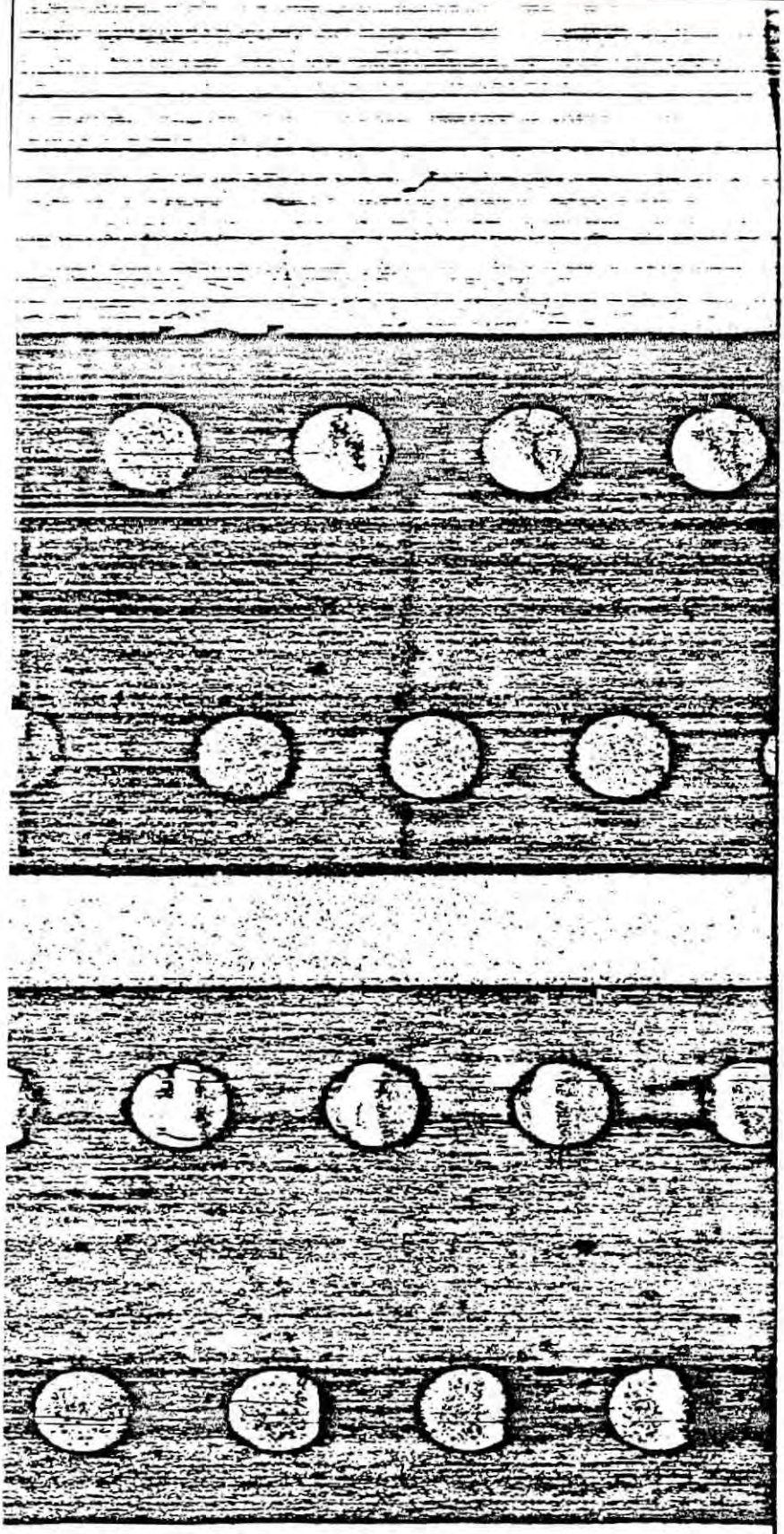

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Subject Walter Reuther 4/21/87 SP-5 Ci/OHP
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SI	44-2925	I
I	116-421930	I
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SI	61-9556-3 Sum (SNI) 5/22/40	I
SI	6 Sum 1/2/41	I
SI	57 Sum 12/24/42	I
SI	62-103771-594 Sum 11/22/52	
I	116-421930-333 Sum 9/25/54	
	Walter Phillip	
SI	61-9556-212 Sum 12/15/55	
SI	201 Sum 11/12/54	
SI	196 Sum 6/4/53	
SI	62-96117-3 Sum 8/21/53	I
SI	62-103771-52 & 25 Sum 9/26/	
SI	77-58912-4 Sum 8/4/55	
I	116-421930-21 Sum 12/7/55	
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Subject Walter Luther
Birthdate & Place
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December 14, 1959

WALTER REUTHER Summary
Born: September 1, 1907
Wheeling, West Virginia

Reference is made to your request that you be furnished the results of any investigation conducted concerning the captioned person, wherein information of a subversive nature was developed. There are attached herewith 43 reports revealing results of investigation conducted in 1955 and 1956 by this Bureau concerning Walter Reuther. You are also referred to a letter captioned "Walter Reuther; Information Concerning" which was furnished the Director of Naval Intelligence under date of June 9, 1959. (116-421930)

Upon removal of classified enclosures, this memorandum becomes unclassified.

Enclosures (43)

Orig and one to ONI
Req. rec'd November 19, 1959
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NOTE: [redacted] ONI, requested a search for main subversive files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Reason: Global Strategy Conference to be held at the Naval War College in June, 1960. Memo classified Confidential since reports attached are so classified.

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61-9556-251

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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Delaney
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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Sept. 29, 1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I read your book, "Masters of Deceit", I would like very much to work at saving America from Communism.

In your book you mentioned, "good labor Unions" and "Bad labor Unions", How are we to know which is good or bad?

In My own Mind I classify Walter Ruther as a Communist, I wish I knew if I was right or wrong.

The reasons I put him in that class is, because he spent 3 years or more in Russia, before he became a Union Boss. And also, I read the Union Paper that his Union publishes, I read everything in that paper for several months, and if I had believed every thing in that paper, I would be hating all stock holders, all Business Managers and

Walter Ruther aka
Walter Reuther

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President Eisenhower. In fact they seem to teach hate for most of the people and ideas that has made our Country great.

The repeal of the "right-to-work-law" is a big issue in Indiana, If this law is not repealed, the union has a plan to force every factory worker to pay the union dues, but they will not have to join the Union.

Is this "Freedom" or is it "Communism" for every worker to have to buy "his right to work" and make a living for himself & family?

I am afraid of Walter Ruther & his ideas and his power. I dislike him and all he represents, & this happened by reading the U.A.W. C.I.O. paper.

Yours

b7c [redacted]

Home Maker

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yours
/s/ [redacted] b7c

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EX-127

October 6, 1960

[redacted]

Your letter of September 29, 1960, has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. I know he will appreciate your furnishing him your observations on communism, and I will bring them to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. As her questions are rhetorical in nature and are very controversial, no answers are being furnished and an in-absence reply is felt desirable.

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SAC, New York November 7, 1960

Director, FBI 61-9556

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from [redacted] dated October 26, 1960.

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You are instructed to personally contact [redacted] immediately and acknowledge receipt of his letter by me. You should discreetly advise him of the confidential nature of our files and express my regrets at being unable to furnish him with the information he desires. However, for his confidential information, you can advise him that the February 21, 1936, issue of the "Summit County Labor News," published in Akron, Ohio, carried an article entitled "Detroit Auto Worker Will Discuss Soviet." This article revealed that Walter P. Reuther of Detroit would lecture on "Twenty Months as a Soviet Industrial Worker." This article stated "He went to the Soviet Union as a worker, not a tourist. He was thus able to get an unusual picture of day-to-day life in Soviet industry, which he augmented with 18,000 miles of travel throughout the Ukraine, Crimes, Caucasus and Asiatic regions of the U.S.S.R." This article also indicated that Reuther was employed in an automobile factory in the Soviet Union for approximately one and one-half years.

You should promptly furnish the results of this interview to the Bureau, making reference to this communication.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE ON YELLOW: b7c

[redacted] states that he recently heard that "Walter Reuther had spent four years in Russia in the indoctrination of the Communistic system." He asked the Director if he can tell him in confidence whether or not there is any truth in this background of Reuther.

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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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PERSONAL

October 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear J. Edgar:

A rather startling statement was made to me a few days ago to the effect that Walter Reuther had spent four years in Russia in the indoctrination of the Communistic system. This is rather a startling statement but the author thereof seemed to be positive of his facts. Can you tell me in confidence whether or not there is any truth in this background of Reuther.

Kind regards as always.

Sincerely,

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Subject Reuther, Walter
Birthdate & Place 4/4/87 sp-Scl OH
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	116-421930-327 Summ 8-24-57	
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Subj: Reuther, Walter

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December 6, 1960

WALTER REUTHER
Born: September 1, 1897
Wheeling, West Virginia

Reference is made to your request that you be furnished the results of any investigation conducted concerning the captioned person, wherein information of a subversive nature was developed. You are referred to the memorandum entitled "Walter Reuther" which was previously furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence on December 16, 1959. (61-9556)

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NOTE: b7c [redacted] ONI, requested a search for main subversive files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Reason: Global Strategy Conference to be held in early 1961.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 11-14-60

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WALTER PHILIP REUTHER
PRESIDENT
CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (CIO)
DIVISION
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR (AF of L) AND CIO

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SYNOPSIS:

Walter Philip - Summary

Reuther was born on September 1, 1907, in Wheeling, West Virginia. Allegedly attended communist controlled institutions in the United States in 1932 and 1933. From 1933-35 he and brother, Victor, traveled through Europe and Asia. Reportedly worked in Soviet Union in automobile factories. Wrote to friend in the United States describing Russia as "workers' fatherland." Stated their daily inspiration was helping to build a society which would forever end exploitations of man by man. Indicated they were ready to defend Soviet Union against the lies of the reactionaries. Letter concluded, "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America." It was signed, "Vic, and Wal." Following return to United States, Walter Reuther spoke under auspices of American Friends for Soviet Union and extolled virtues of that nation. In 1937 and 1938 Reuther spoke before communist dominated groups. In 1939 it is alleged Reuther broke with communist factions in labor because of a "double cross" during his attempts to gain power in the United Automobile Workers (UAW). Reuther has consistently been attacked by the communists since 1941. He has published article in national magazine (1948), "How to Beat the Communists." In 1948 he had his right arm almost blown off by a shotgun blast. During Soviet Premier Khrushchev's first trip to the United States in 1959, Reuther critically questioned him regarding labor conditions under Russian communism. Reuther is currently being attacked in Soviet publications which allege that he deserted a wife in the Soviet Union and described him as a traitor to the working class.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Jones to DeLoach memo
re: Walter Philip Reuther
11-14-60

PURPOSE:

To set forth, in response to a request from the Director's Office, information concerning Walter Philip Reuther, President, CIO Division, AF of L and CIO.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Reuther was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on September 1, 1907. He reportedly attended Brookwood Labor College in 1932 and a workers school at Saugatuck, Michigan, both institutions described as communist. He was employed by General Motors and Ford Motor Company in Detroit as tool and die maker. From 1933-35 he visited Soviet Union and other European and Asiatic countries. He worked for a part of that time in a Russian automobile factory. In 1935 he established and became President of Local 174, UAW, CIO. He proposed plan to produce defense aircraft - mass production in idle automobile plants during World War II. He led 113-day strike of General Motors workers November, 1945, to March, 1946. He has been President of CIO since 1952 and is now President of the CIO Division of the newly combined organization AF of L and CIO (since 1955).

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Walter Philip Reuther, a highly controversial figure in domestic politics and on the labor scene, in February, 1933, was issued a passport for travel to Europe and Asia. The passport was renewed in Moscow in August, 1934, and reliable information has indicated that Reuther and his brother, Victor Reuther, both went to work in the Soviet Union in automobile factories during their stay in Europe from 1933-35. They were also reported to have engaged in a study of agitation propaganda and allegedly took courses given under the auspices of the Soviet Union. Reuther was reported to have advised the Soviet authorities relative to labor conditions in the United States. Information was received from several sources that while the Reuthers were working in factories in Russia, they wrote a letter to a friend in the United States which reflected their admiration of conditions in the Soviet Union. The letter, dated January 20, 1934, referred to Russia as the "workers' fatherland." It stated that their daily inspiration was working side by side with their Russian comrades in "our" factories and the thought they were helping to build a society which would forever end exploitations of man by man. The letter also stated, "Mel, you know Wal and I were always strong for the Soviet Union. You know we were always ready to defend it against the lies of the reactionaries." They also stated

in this letter that they were witnessing the most backward nation in the world being rapidly transformed into the most modern and scientific, and that they were watching daily Socialism being taken down from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. The letter concluded with the phrase, "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America." It was signed, "Vic, and Wal."

In 1936 Reuther married May Wolf. She was reported to be a member of the Socialist Party and studied with the Proletarian Party, which group believed that the revolution in the United States was still sometime in the distance.

Following his return to the United States, Walter Reuther engaged in a speaking tour under the auspices of the American Friends of the Soviet Union and appeared in various cities throughout the United States. One informant commented concerning a Reuther lecture that Reuther had extolled the virtues of the Soviet Union and gave the impression that it was "Heaven in Russia."

At a lecture in Flint, Michigan, in 1936, (sponsored by the Young People's Socialist League,) Reuther was reportedly asked the question "Do you and the Soviet Union believe in religion and God or in the sciences as a religion?" to which Reuther answered, "We do not believe in God, but that man is God."

Reuther's West Side Local 174, UAW, grew until it was the largest single local in the UAW with a membership in excess of 30,000. Reuther was reported in 1935 to have surrounded himself with "radical lieutenants" including his brothers, Roy and Victor Reuther. A former member of the Communist Party (CP) testified in 1938 before the Dies Committee that "Local 174 is what I would call an old soldier's home for discharged CP members whom Martin (Homer Martin) has fired. They are immediately taken in by the communists in charge of their local, such as Lloyd Jones and Walter Reuther..."

It has been reported that Walter Reuther, who at that time was President of Local 174, UAW, on May 3, 1937, appeared as a speaker before a meeting sponsored by the Detroit Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. A confidential source advised that Anna Louise Strong, pro-Soviet author and lecturer for over 30 years, was the promoter of this meeting.

An informant has stated he recalled that the split between the Reuther brothers and the CP came in the Fall of 1939 or 1940 during the UAW-CIO Convention. It was allegedly predicated on the fact that Reuther wanted to run for the Presidency of the State UAW-CIO and, after being promised the support of the CP, he was double crossed and they supported another candidate.

Louis F. Budenz, a self-admitted former CP member and former editor of the "Daily Worker," in his book, "Men Without Faces," reported that in June, 1941, when Reuther was fighting the communists who were trying to prolong a strike at the plant of North American Aviation Company in California, William Z. Foster, Chairman-Emeritus of the CP, asserted that Reuther had "even tried for membership in the CP and was rejected on the grounds of his obvious opportunism." Budenz reported that he knew that Reuther had not made such an attempt. The CP has consistently attacked Reuther since shortly after 1941.

In 1948 in an article in "Collier's Magazine" entitled "How to Beat The Communists," Reuther attacked liberals who "succumb to the united front lure." He stated, "no sober public examination of their unadorned doctrine and their purpose can fail to reveal them as frauds."

The CP line has reflected in its publications that Walter Reuther is one of the worst "red baiters" in the labor movement.

In 1955 and 1956 Reuther was investigated by the Bureau in connection with a possible appointment to a special Panel on the Impact of the Peace Time Uses of Atomic Energy. None of the allegations that he was a member of the CP and the Socialist Workers Party were substantiated during this investigation. In 1948 Reuther had his right arm almo blown off by a shotgun blast as he stood in his home in Detroit. He was permanently injured. His brother, Victor, was shot and blinded in his right eye in 1949.

During Soviet Premier Khrushchev's first visit to the United States in 1959, Reuther questioned him sharply and critically regarding labor conditions under Russian communism. After Khrushchev returned to Russia, Soviet publications, including "Trud," Russian trade union newspaper, have bitterly attacked Reuther accusing him of deserting a Russian wife in the 1930's and describing him as a traitor of the working class and as the lackey of the monopolists.

On September 19, 1960, a Federal District Judge in Detroit dismissed a suit charging that Reuther and the Secretary-Treasurer of the UAW had misused union funds for political purposes.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: May 26, 1961

FROM: Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: FBI DOCUMENTS IN THE MORGENTHAU DIARY

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Relative to Senator Eastland's call to [redacted] of our Crime Records Division on 5-25-61 concerning the Walter Reuther letter we have checked our files and there is set forth briefly what they show regarding FBI documents in the Morgenthau Diary.

There are voluminous references to the Morgenthau Diary in our files including conversations Mr. Nichols had with Senator Eastland regarding the Diary and the FBI information contained in it.

During 1954 and 1955 two representatives of the Eastland Committee spent one year reviewing the entire Diary. On 6-25-56 Mr. Nichols talked to Senator Eastland who said there was a lot of material in the Diary pertaining to the FBI. Senator Eastland agreed to have his staff go through everything the Committee had and return to the Bureau highly classified documents never meant to be made public. Mr. Nichols indicated he would follow this matter with Senator Eastland.

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The letter mentioned by Senator Eastland in his conversation with [redacted] concerning Walter Reuther appears to be a personal and confidential letter dated 5-23-40 addressed to Brigadier General Edwin M. Watson, Secretary to the President, transmitting a six-page memorandum on Reuther dated 5-22-40. The reason it was sent was because Reuther was being considered for appointment as head of the Safety Device Board of the Department of Labor. This Board was to make inquiry into safety devices in various factories throughout the country. The Reuther memorandum sets out the famous letter from Walter Reuther and his brother from the Soviet Union. (Copy of the letter attached)

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Memorandum A. H. Belmont to [redacted] b7c
Re: FBI Documents in the
Morgenthau Diary

This same letter was disseminated to a number of other Government officials including Secretary Morgenthau under date of 5/23/40 and 5/24/40. The letter to Morgenthau was removed from the Morgenthau Diary as a result of our review of the entire Diary by Special Agents of the Washington Field Office starting 10/4/56 and completed 5/57. On 5/31/57 [redacted] b7c Archivist of the United States, by letter furnished the Bureau a list of documents compiled by our Agents from their review which he stated would not be made available for use without the express permission of the FBI. He said the documents would be protected either by excising them from the volumes and placing them under seal, or for volumes where excising might not be feasible by withdrawing the volumes themselves and, in effect, placing them under seal. Our letter to Morgenthau dated 5/23/40 is one of the listed documents (Volume 265, pages 298 - 303).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is not clear as to why the letter to General Watson was in the Morgenthau Diary, if in fact it was. It is recommended Mr. DeLoach's Office ascertain where this letter appears in the Diary so that we can be sure the original has been placed under seal. Also find out just what documents the Eastland Committee has pertaining to the Bureau from the Morgenthau Diary and arrange to get them from him.

OK.
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b7c [redacted] chief counsel, advised 6/8/61 that there was no letter to General Watson from FBI in the Morgenthau Diary. He stated any document mentioning FBI name would be referred to us prior to usage. Files reflect this has been done in the past.

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[redacted]

July 18, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C/.

Gentlemen:

I have just received the enclosed sheet from the Poor Richards Book Shop of Los Angeles. Casey
Will you kindly advise me if you think this is a genuine signature of Walter Reuther and if said Reuther is now known to your department or suspected of being a communist or procommunist.

I would also like to know if any of the books listed on this same enclosed sheet, are known or thought by you to be subversive.

In this case subversion is defined as being something that undermines the patriotism or loyalty to the U.S.A.

Thanking you in advance for this information.

Very truly yours,

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NOTORIOUS REUTHER LETTER

WALTER REUTHER, HEAD OF THE CIO, VISITED MOSCOW IN 1934

In company with his brother Victor, Walter Reuther visited Moscow in 1934. The two Reuthers wrote a letter, dated January 21 of that year to their friends Melvin and Gladys Bishop. It is now a permanent part of the record of the Congress of the United States as well as the record of the Committee on Un-American Activities. The letter appeared in full in the Saturday Evening Post August 14, 1948. Below we reproduce an exact copy of the letter as it appeared in the Saturday Evening Post.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY!

DEAR MEL AND GLADYS: Your letter of December [illegible] arrived here last week. We [illegible] Germany and [illegible] Walt and I have now been [illegible] years since we have heard from you, so you might well imagine with what joy we welcomed news from Detroit. It is precisely because you are equally anxious, I know, to receive word from the workers fatherland that I am taking this first opportunity to answer you.

What you have written concerning the strikes and the general labor unrest in Detroit, [illegible] we have learned from other sources, makes us long for the moment to be back with you in the front lines of the struggle. However, the daily inspiration that is yours as we work side by side with our Russian comrades in our factory also brought that we will forever end the exploitation of man by man. The thought that what we are building will be for the benefit and enjoyment of the working class, not only of Russia but of the entire world, is the compensation we receive for our temporary absence from the struggle in the United States. And let no one tell you that we are not on the road to socialism in the Soviet Union. Let no one say that the workers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are not on the road to security, enlightenment and happiness.

Mel and you know Wal and I were always strong for the Soviet Union. You know we were always ready to defend it against the lies of the reactionaries. Here the workers, through their militant leadership, the proletarian dictatorship, have not sold out to the owning class like the S.P. in Germany and like the Labor Party in England. Here they have [illegible] against all odds, against famine, against internal strife and civil war, against capitalist aggression and isolation, your comrades here have maintained power. They have [illegible] masses. They have transformed the Soviet Union into one of the great industrial nations of the world. They have laid the economic foundation for socialism, for a classless society. Mel, if you could be with us for just one day in our shop you would realize the significance of the Soviet Union.

Here are no bosses to drive fear into the workers. No one to drive them in mad speed-ups. Here the workers are in control. Even the plant superintendent has no more right in these meetings than any other worker. I have wit-

[illegible] the workers in the [illegible] decided Ireland already [illegible] enough time and the floor was [illegible] on a large hand who told of his problems and offered suggestions. Imagine that, comrade Brigger! This was what the outside world calls be-ut dictatorship in Russia. Tell you, Mel, in all the countries we have thus far been in we have never found such genuine proletarian democracy. It is unpolished and crude, but proletarian workers' democracy in every respect. The workers in England have more culture and polish when they speak at their meetings, but they have no power. I prefer the latter.

In our factory, which is the largest and most modern in Europe, and we have seen them all, there are no pictures of Ford and Rockefeller and Mellon. No such parasites, but rather huge pictures of Lenin. Red banners with slogans "Workers of the world unite" are draped across the craneways. Such a fine spirit of comradeship you have never before witnessed in your life. Superintendent, leaders and ordinary workers are all alike. If you saw your superintendent as he walks through the shop greeting workers with "Hello, comrade," you could not distinguish him from any other worker.

Three nights ago we were invited to the clubhouse in Sosgor (Socialist City) to attend an evening of enjoyment given by the workers of the diesshop. A division of the Red Army was also present as guests. In all my life, Mel, I have never seen anything so inspiring. Mel, once a fellow has seen what is possible where workers gain power, he no longer fights for an ideal. He fights for something which is real, something tangible. Imagine, Mel, Henry Ford throwing a big party for his slaves.

Mel, we are witnessing and experiencing great things in the U.S.S.R. We are seeing the most backward nation in the world being rapidly transformed into the most modern and scientific, with new concepts and new ideals coming into force. We are watching, daily, socialism being taken down from the books on the shelves and put into actual application. Who would not be inspired by such events? Let us know what is happening in the Y.P.S.L. and also the Social Problems Club. Carry on the fight for a Soviet America.

Yours,
WALTER AND VICTOR

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While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing two items of literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent enclosed an order blank from Poor Richard's Book Shop, Los Angeles, California, listing books for purchase. One side of this order blank contained a letter allegedly written by Walter and Victor Reuther who had visited Moscow in 1934. The Bure is aware of the contents of this letter.

No identifiable references to correspondent or the Poor Richard's Book Shop located in Bufiles.

Walter Phillip Reuther is President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) Division of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and CIO. He wrote a letter to a friend in the United States from Russia in the 1930's describing Russia as "workers' fatherland" and indicated he was ready to defend the Soviet Union against the lies of the reactionaries. Following his return to the United States he spoke under the auspices of American Friends for Soviet Union and extolled virtues of that nation. He was recently attacked in Soviet publications which alleged that he deserted his wife in the Soviet Union and described him as a traitor to the working class. (61-95556)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. Director's statement re Internal Security, 4-17-61
2. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 20, 1961, 195

Respectfully referred to

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The enclosed matter was received by our office yesterday. We would appreciate any comments you might care to forward concerning dissemination of such "information."

Thank you.

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Very respectfully,

J. Edward Roush

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MAIL ROOM

Honorable J. Edward Roush
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

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I have taken the liberty of making copies of the enclosure to your communication and the submitted material is returned for the completion of your files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Edward Roush

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Congressman Roush is a Democrat and represents the Fifth District of Indiana. He has been friendly with the Bureau but there has been very little previous contact with him. On 8-26-59 he and a party of friends were given a special tour of the Bureau. He volunteered his cooperation at any time he could be of assistance. [redacted] b7c

Congressman Roush enclosed with his letter a leaflet printed by "Headlines," Westport, Connecticut. This leaflet is an attack on Walter Reuther and sets forth a letter allegedly written by Victor and Walter Reuther to an individual in the United States at the time they were studying in Russia. It states that as "a first step" Reuther "is backing hundreds of candidates, threatening to capture the next Congress." It also advertises a pamphlet, "Meet the Man Who Plans to Rule America," and states that this pamphlet contains the complete facts about Reuther's "Red background."

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Walter Philipp Reuther is President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations Division of the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations. The Bureau is aware of the above-mentioned letter that he allegedly wrote from Russia. He was recently attacked in Soviet publications. (61-9556)